

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 23, 2025

Dear Forrestdale Families,

As we reach the end of 2025, and the hallways begin to quiet for the winter break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible energy that has filled our building over the last few months. Middle school truly is a time of rapid growth and vibrant personality, and nothing highlights that more than the month of December as we finish our first trimester, our 8th graders begin receiving acceptances to high school, and we embark upon our annual holiday traditions.

The past two weeks have been a whirlwind of talent and community spirit. Our Annual Winter Concert was a resounding success; seeing our student musicians progress and perform on stage for a packed audience of friends and family, is always a highlight of my year. This, of course, is not outdone by our heartwarming Holiday Sing-Along. There is something truly special about seeing students set aside their "cool middle schooler" personas to join together to sing "Shout" in their pajamas! The awe and wonder of our students as they watch their own teachers take the stage in the teacher band, is an enjoyable sight to witness as Principal. Lastly, my favorite Holiday tradition is the community service activity our 8th graders partake in as they sip hot cocoa, and prepare "Cozy Kits" for Lunch Break.

While the break offers a well-deserved chance to rest and recharge, we are already preparing for an action-packed return. We have many assemblies planned by the PTO, including a visiting Planetarium, as well as the annual Spelling Bee! We also look forward to Spirit Week and our Pep Rally in support of the Holy Cross vs. Forrestdale games.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Whether you volunteered at an event, contributed to a classroom drive or celebration, or simply supported your student through a busy trimester, your involvement is the heart of our success. Thank you, as well, for your ongoing generosity and support of the teaching staff.

I wish you and your families a restful, safe, and joyful holiday season. We look forward to seeing our students back on January 5, 2026, ready to tackle a brand new year.

Fondly,
Mrs. Gibbons