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Dear Families,

As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday and give thanks for our abundant blessings, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and partnership. The opportunity to educate your children in the Catholic tradition and to be part of their journey through life and learning is among our most precious gifts.

Our theme for the current academic year is "One Body in Christ." This kinship bonds us as we unite in the fulfillment of our mission to provide a Christ-centered educational experience. Through the commitment of our dedicated educators, our students thrive in a learning environment that aims for excellence and achieves spiritual, intellectual, and moral growth. Without your support, their journey toward a limitless potential would not be possible!

As you enjoy the warmth of this holiday break, I hope that you and your family will find time for rest and reflection, especially as we get closer to Advent and the joy of the Christmas season. Holidays are a time for sharing, and just as surely as we will enjoy the company of friends and family, so too will the array of cold, flu and other respiratory illnesses that the colder season brings our way.

As we get back to the classroom after the break, please continue to remain vigilant and monitor the health of the members of your household. If a child is exhibiting symptoms of COVID, RSV, or influenza, they should remain home to avoid exposing the school community to illness. If there is a family member in the same household with symptoms of COVID, the student(s) from that household should remain home until the sick household member is beyond the 5 days or test the child at home each day before sending them to school. Together we can reinforce hand washing to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Schools will continue to provide handwashing supplies, including soap and water and hand sanitizer. Together we can reinforce covering coughs and sneezes to keep individuals from getting and spreading infectious diseases. Our schools will continue to have high-touch surfaces cleaned and disinfected. Together we can keep our schools happy and healthy leading up to (and well beyond) the New Year.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

One in Christ,

Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent
Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools

"In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks."

- St. Teresa of Avila

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