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Dear Upper School Families,

The days leading up to a big vacation create such momentum within school. The closer we get to departure time, the noisier things get, the more urgent, the more vital matters become. Even those of us who aren’t really going anywhere begin to move as though there’s a plane to catch, a flight to miss! It can be unnerving and stressful, all this movement toward closure, this count down. At the same time, there are some benefits to this heading toward the invisible finish line.

Anticipation.

There’s something lovely about looking forward...

All around our school, students and teachers and staff members have been working incredibly hard these past couple of months to dig into this meaty part of the school year. This week, as tests, projects, and units move students closer to a place of rest, there has been an incremental feeling of shedding, by day, the last requirements and obligations of a long stretch of serious learning. This afternoon, there is joyful noise emanating from the student commons, and across the school, the sounds of the gradual crossing off of items on the to-do lists, and of laughter, abounds.

I wish for you all a spring break that is peaceful and safe, lively and fun. We’ll be back, ready for the final push that is the spring season.

All my best,

Teri Schrader
Upper School Head