



US Class Dean Update

December 19, 2025

To the families of the Class of 2028,

As the calendar year comes to a close, this is often a time for reflection on our journeys and the moments that brought us here. My own reflection this year is one of deep gratitude for the opportunity to witness, up close, the tremendous growth and development of these remarkable young people. During this week's "end-of-year" festivities, many adults in our community remarked not only on the exceptional talent within the Class of 2028, but also on their kindness, passion, engagement, and drive. While I may be biased, it is clear that others share my belief that this is a truly exceptional group of individuals.

As I think about this week in particular, I am reminded that, while we hope our students can come to school and simply focus on their learning, friendships, and daily activities, the world around them inevitably finds its way into our halls. In the wake of the recent tragedies over the past weekend, many members of our beautifully diverse community were affected in different ways. Please know that we remain deeply committed to supporting our students as they navigate the difficult balance between processing complex emotions and managing the demands of school life. I am grateful for your partnership and for the trust you place in us to care for your children's well-being. This is a responsibility I take very seriously and with great care.

Some End-of-Year Highlights

As we head into the winter break, our students had the opportunity to mark the end of the year with activities that celebrated community, connection, and the joy of being together.

Similar to last year, the 10th grade spent time yesterday during the assembly period participating in a Gingerbread House Decorating



activity. Each advisory decorated individual sugar cookies and collaborated on a gingerbread house design. Once again, we added a fun twist by turning it into a friendly competition—the winning advisory will be announced after we return from break!

To close out the year, the entire Upper School gathered for the annual Jazz Rock Concert, a morning filled with great music and good times. The Class of 2028 was well represented among the vocalists, instrumentalists, and dancers. We truly have a talented crew!



Looking Ahead (Key Dates)

As we return from winter break, here are a few important dates to keep in mind:

- **January 7–9:** Prevention Ed Programming
 - Please find a letter from Ms. Debbie Murphy, our Dean of Student Life, with more details about our continued work with Prevention Ed [here](#).

- **January 16:** Final Day of Semester 1
- **January 19:** School Closed — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **January 20:** School Closed — US Pivot Day
- **January 21:** First Day of Semester 2

As we head into the winter break, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a joy to watch the Class of 2028 grow, learn, and thrive together this semester. I hope you and your families enjoy a restful, joyful, and well-deserved break. I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year, ready for another exciting semester ahead!

Best regards,
Dylan Bryant
Dean, Class of 2028