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Dear PSJ School Community:

As we enter the final month of 2021, I want to take a moment to thank you for your focus and commitment to our school program at Parkway NW HS for Peace and Social Justice. Thank you to our parents and families for supporting students as they navigate the return to in-person learning. Thank you to our faculty and staff for developing welcoming learning environments for students to thrive. Most importantly, thank you to our students for their daily contributions to Parkway NW's school culture and to their continued social, emotional and academic growth.

This year has not been easy for any members of our community. To that end, [the](#) December Winter Recess will be a complete break from academics for our students and staff. Our educators will not be assigning any assessments or homework during this break. Teachers will not be required to grade, post grades or review email. Instead, in the spirit of social and emotional health, the entire school community will be taking a true break from work during [the](#) December Winter Recess. All members of our school should relax, spend time with family and friends, and focus exclusively on the things that bring you joy, peace and renewed spirits.

As a reminder, the December Winter Recess **for students** starts Friday, December 24, 2021 with school resuming on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Winter Recess for faculty and staff starts Friday, December 24, 2021 and resumes on Monday, January 3, 2022 with a full day of professional development which will now be conducted virtually for our faculty and staff.

I look forward to the next few weeks of school as we finish 2021 strong. If you have any questions, please email me at jmacfarland@philasd.org or text me at 215-871-9272. Be well, stay safe and lead on.

Sincerely,

Jeff MacFarland

Proud Principal
Parkway NW HW for Peace and Social Justice