

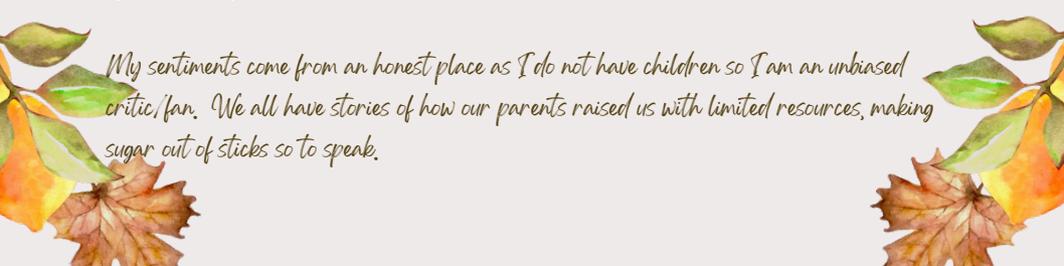


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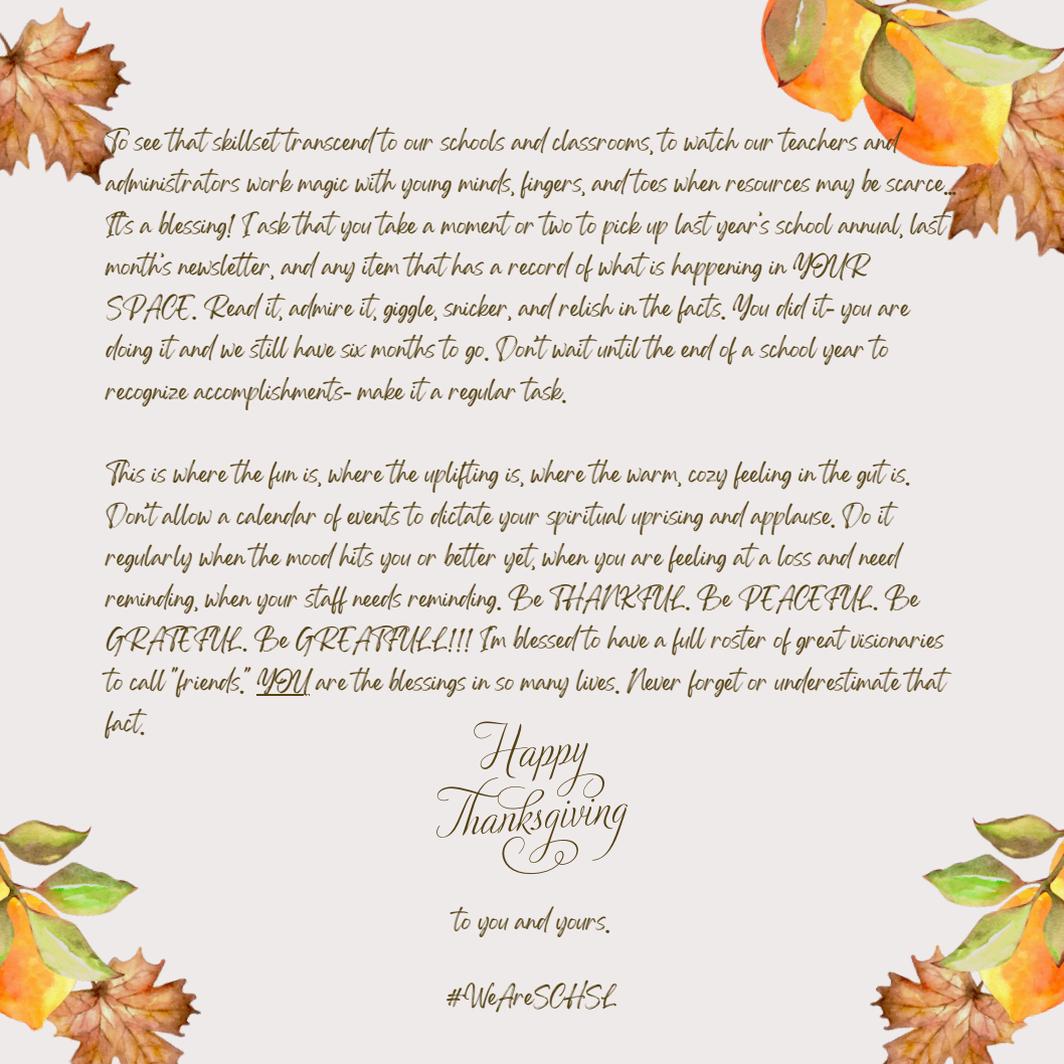
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Isn't it GREAT to be FULL?! I'll say it with certainty... "IT IS great to be full" ... full of a tasty holiday meal, full of love, full of grace. The SCHSL is truly grateful for GREAT members who are full of sportsmanship, comradery, and teamwork. Something happens across South Carolina, the nation, and the world during this time of year. Reflection, appreciation, and self-renewal is abundant as we prep for family gatherings, visits from friends and the conclusion of fall sports. SCHSL has been fortunate to have a full fall season again this year while others may not have been as fortunate. We know we are blessed with some phenomenal athletes and coaches, not just physically, but mentally and emotionally too.

South Carolina is home to talented scholars, athletes, and artistic creatives. How fortunate are we?! As a product of the SC school systems that I now work with, it is an honor to comb through press releases and media blasts regularly and see what is happening in our schools. I am so grateful to know you. To see your magic with limited resources and be the consummate bystander as you WORK.. I mean WERRRR!



My sentiments come from an honest place as I do not have children so I am an unbiased critic/fan. We all have stories of how our parents raised us with limited resources, making sugar out of sticks so to speak.



To see that skillset transcend to our schools and classrooms, to watch our teachers and administrators work magic with young minds, fingers, and toes when resources may be scarce... It's a blessing! I ask that you take a moment or two to pick up last year's school annual, last month's newsletter, and any item that has a record of what is happening in **YOUR SPACE**. Read it, admire it, giggle, snicker, and relish in the facts. You did it- you are doing it and we still have six months to go. Don't wait until the end of a school year to recognize accomplishments- make it a regular task.

This is where the fun is, where the uplifting is, where the warm, cozy feeling in the gut is. Don't allow a calendar of events to dictate your spiritual uprising and applause. Do it regularly when the mood hits you or better yet, when you are feeling at a loss and need reminding, when your staff needs reminding. Be **THANKFUL**. Be **PEACEFUL**. Be **GRATEFUL**. Be **GREATFUL!!!** I'm blessed to have a full roster of great visionaries to call "friends." YOU are the blessings in so many lives. Never forget or underestimate that fact.

Happy
Thanksgiving

to you and yours.

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