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January 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians~

On behalf of the staff and administration of Todd Beamer High School, we'd like to extend a warm welcome back from winter break and best wishes for the rest of the school year and beyond.

January is a month that promises hope, a time for renewal, to make short-term and long term-goals that help us all continue to grow into the people we want to be. Last year's decisions can either make us bitter or make us better. Our hope is that every decision brings us learning experiences that expands our thinking and helps us grow. Here's to 2019 as a powerful growth year!

Before we went into the break, students received their progress reports. We encouraged them to connect with their teachers to determine work that might be completed during their time off. As you know, our district assesses students based on standards achieved on assignments, projects, and tests. And while they are considered evidence of determining a student's learning, when a he/she/they fails to turn in an assignment, or fails to take a test, it is at the teacher's discretion to determine how the student can be re-assessed. It may be a completely different test/assignment or it may be the same one. Either way, know that our teachers are able to determine whether the student has mastered the content. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact them.

We have much to look forward including the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to honor a man who brought light to the need for dialogue among people of all races. As the fifth most diverse school district in the country, a district where more than 100 languages are spoken, we are presented with a tremendous opportunity for exponential growth in understanding the world through the lenses of people who may look, sound, act, or believe differently than us. And because of this, with eyes wide open, are we able to value the tapestry of humanity that makes America the greatest nation on earth! This I believe.

Happy New Year! To new beginnings and to growth~

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