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Class of 2023 speech

Dear all,

Throughout Middle School, we experienced unforgettable moments. Teachers, friends, and staff were all part of our journey.

Class of 2023, you are our second family. Thanks for always being there, in the good and bad times. We have so many memories together and stories we will never forget. From Africa being in Asia, and babies developing gills, to winning intramurals three times in a row. Even though many people left, we stayed united and we are proud to have the class of 2023 all over the world.

Another important part of our growth through school is our teachers. They have the blessed patience of teaching us and they inspire us every single day. First, we would like to thank Ms. Auler for being such an understanding supervisor and helping us when needed. Mr. Macedo, thanks for being an amazing counselor and friend. Mr. Barbosa, thank you for teaching us about the world and also being the “fastest” test corrector. Ms. Buçard, we admire you for your patience and your magic marker that definitely taught us some lessons. Ms. Cavaliere, your maracujá candy will never be forgotten, as well as your teaching. Ms. Daflon, your amazing lectures, and projects were one of the middle school highlights. We will never forget that in 1880, Dom Pedro became “lonelyyyyyyy”.

Ms. Schreiber, the most organized person we know, thank you for teaching so many important lessons and making us read “Hatchet”. Ms. Duarte, “Melhor aquisição de 2018”, even though we only spent one year with you, you became a very special teacher to us. Thank you for dealing with all our “white people problems”. Ms. Heringer and Ms. Viverios, thank you for being such amazing teachers in these last few months we spent with you. Mr. Teixeira, thank you for teaching us volleyball, one of the classes' favorite

sports. Mr. Souza, thank you for teaching us that a team is not just people we play with, but a family. Daniel, you are such an amazing coach and friend. Ms. Luana, we are grateful for your attempts to make us "crossfiteiros". Ms. Studart, we admire the effort you put on the school's plays and your huge patience with us.

Mr. Camera, thank you for showing us fun movies and for teaching us important information about the history of music. Ms. Merchak, thanks for sharing a little bit of your creativity with us. Ms. Prudencio, we admire you for all your kindness and love with us. By the way, we are still waiting for the day that you will let us watch "Big Mike". Mr. João Carneiro, thank you for teaching us how to make all sorts of things in Blender. Ms. Xavier, thank you for teaching us the importance of sign language and accessibility in the world. Mr. Massa, we're looking forward to having more amazing classes with you. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to write and publish our own book of poetry. Mr. Vini, thank you for being our rock for when we're stuck with math problems. Silvia, your meditation classes were the best ones of the week and thanks for always listening to us. Mr. Steve, you are a recent member of the OLM community, and we are very thankful for the wonderful person you are to us. Last but not least, we would like to give a big thank you to the IT members who always help us with the internet and to the staff who provide us food and keep our school clean every day.

Let's talk about the ones who make this possible, our parents. We cannot thank them enough for everything they have done and will do for us. They give us support during difficult times and handle our bad moods every single day. Thank you to the parents who represent our class during school meetings and do everything possible to make our experience at OLM an incredible one.

Now, Class of 2023, let's look back to all the amazing moments we experienced together. From screaming happiness to shedding tears, we have always had each other's backs. We, students and families, decide to stay here at OLM not only for the excellent teachers or the opportunities for our future but also for the bond we have created throughout the years. We definitely made memories that will last a lifetime.