

TRANSIT

8th Grade Blessing Letter

As your student's time in Transit ends, we want to provide a shared experience for students and parents with the small group that has journeyed together for the past few years.

We're asking parents to write blessing letters to their students and read them aloud in front of the other parents and students in the group. The goal of the blessing letter is to encourage and affirm your student in this important life transition.

TIPS FOR WRITING THE BLESSING LETTER

As you begin to write your blessing letter, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Write about the things you admire about your student. (Make sure these are more about character and less about performance.)
- Share hopes and dreams you have for your student. (Keep these general, rather than talking about specific behaviors.)
- Give examples of ways your student reminds you of someone they admire. (This could be a family member or someone famous.)
- Remind your student you love them, you're proud of them, and that they are exactly who God made them to be. These words are powerful for anyone to hear from a parent.
- If you get stuck and can't think of anything to say, it's possible you're simply experiencing parental fatigue. If this is the case, reach out to teachers, coaches, or friends who can give you ideas of encouraging words to say.

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear (insert student's name),

I want to take a few minutes to let you know how important you are to me. I am so proud of the person you've become. You are so _____ (insert character trait you want to affirm). In fact, you remind me of _____ (person who models this character trait).

My hope for you as you head into high school is _____. I want you to be confident in who God has created you to be and the difference you can make in the world.

I love you and I am so grateful to be your mom/dad/aunt/uncle/etc.!