



December 20, 2019

To POB Families,

*The holiday concerts have signaled that we are close to our well-needed rest, as we take in the glorious sounds of each musical performance. We have some new staff in this department who have demonstrated that the POB music traditions will continue at the same level of excellence as they have always been. I always look forward to joining with the high school chorale and the alumni as they sing **Siyahamba**, a South African song with a strong message of hope. This past summer, I had the good fortune to sing it with South Africans as I visited there. I was equally touched when the students at Old Bethpage sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth," and the Pasadena chorus lit up their world in concert. The gift of song and all the holiday celebrations make this time of year so precious.*

I have the good fortune of spending his first holiday with my grandson, Luke. He is now 10-months old, and my house is not quite ready to greet all of the mischief that this rapid crawler will bring. But, oh, what joy it is to have him home with his parents!!

I imagine that many of you will be having your own first - some joyous and some without someone you held so dear. Which ever experience you will have, remember that memories are a blessing. Treasure the people whose love will always be unfailing and take some time to gift yourself with memories that will carry you through the difficult times. Gratitude for the life we live turns what we have into enough.

May your holidays sparkle with moments of love and laughter and may the year ahead be filled with true contentment and joy.

With warm regards from my family to yours and gratitude for being of service to the children and families of the POB Schools.

*Sincerely,
Dr. Lorna R. Lewis*