

A BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Let us pause and breathe deeply as we embark on the adventure of a new school year

May the gift of each new day be a chance to learn.

May our kindness and compassion be a moment to teach each other.

May the fragility of students, parents and staff be a place to build community.

May listening and encouragement be the well-spring of leadership.

May the passion of young people keep our hearts alive.

May the wisdom of older people keep our feet on the ground.

May laughter and joy spread like branches above us

May prayer and gratitude be our deepest roots.

May justice and peace ripen like fruit

as we grow in generosity

reaching out beyond our familiar world

to help those in need.

In this Year of Jubilee,
may we be Pilgrims of Hope.

May we find God in every
class, recess, game, performance, meeting,
discussion, assignment, friendship and lunch.

May we find God's love and grace
in even our most ordinary days.

Amen.

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