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Hello family and friends!

Big news! Our Relaxation Room has been relocated to the other side of the school. We are now sharing the new room with other classes due to Lindsay Thurber being over-capacity, but we still get to operate as usual! The room is also much smaller, but the students say it's more cozy, and I'd have to agree. **I'm just so thankful we get to be in Thurber for another year.**

At the beginning of this fall, I was in the cafeteria when I recognized a grade 12 student sitting alone. She had attended the same small Christian K to 12 school as me, but I'd never conversed with her before, since she is quite a bit younger than me. I don't normally remember names, but hers popped into my mind immediately as I sat down across from her. She knew who I was right away, and as we talked, she smiled so genuinely that I couldn't help but feel she was relieved to talk with me. We talked about how big of an adjustment it is coming to a larger school and how most of her friends are now attending different schools. I mentioned the Relaxation Room and told her to come by for a visit. Unfortunately, I haven't seen her since but I honestly believe she was just as encouraged as I was by our interaction. All our kids need encouragement and support, regardless of where they're at in life. Public school can be lonely and uncertain, so a familiar face can really brighten their day!



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I pray you and your family have a fun Christmas season!

With gratitude,

**Anne Vanderham**

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