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# "The In-Between Season"

*Dedicated to the 8th Graders at St. Paul's School for Boys (Class of 2029)*
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*The page is ready to be turned; this chapter's come to an end;*
*The memories however last a lifetime; your story's yet to begin.*
*Will you look on these years with fondness; remembering the laughs and the tears*
*Of something hilarious that happened during recess; or the best lunch you've had in years*
*Or that amazing shot you made at recess, when everyone screamed and yelled*
*Or the PE uniform found at the bottom of the locker, and boy, how that thing smelled.*

*Middle school has been a journey; an experience you will not soon forget*
*The growth, the learning, the ups, the downs; do you have any regrets?*
*Maybe you could have worked a little harder; maybe you should have performed on stage*
*Maybe you should have said yes to the invite; maybe you should not have been enraged*
*When you misplaced your science homework or damaged your laptop - again*
*Or when a conflict led to a break with a dear, longtime friend*
*Middle school is in the middle for a reason, it's neither the beginning nor the end*
*Not the start nor the finish. It's the time when you spend*
*Your in-between season; when your heart can learn the most*
*About the consequences of your actions or inactions; to boast or not to boast.*
*These are lifelong lessons, and more tests await you next year*

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*As you cross the quad and level up, kicking it all into high gear.*

*So, celebrate what you have accomplished; set your heights on things above*

*And don't forget when you were a 5th grader and someone gave you a shove*

*Or made a joke at your expense; that feeling of being small*

*You still remember. You were embarrassed and hurt and your soul needed to bawl.*

*That feeling is a reminder to be better. Do better. You were made for so much more.*

*So, close this chapter, lead with love, and walk through the open door.*