

Mr. Arcello,

When you told us that you're leaving at first I was really sad, but then I realized I can't be sad because you're going to be helping kids who really need it AND traveling which are two of your favorite things. You're going to love it there. But, since goodbyes are so hard, I just wanted to make sure you knew how big of an impact you made on us throughout your time here. I've always loved to sing, but before freshman year, chorus had always been more of a chore than something to enjoy. I really hated my music teacher in middle school and I thought it was boring, but you completely changed my perspective and it's now my favorite class to go to. You never fail to put a smile on everyone's faces with your truly bizarre and sometimes concerning stories and you gave us challenging music that we had to work at to get right. Also, I really feel like I've become a better singer, or at least much more confident. I used to NEVER sing in front of people, and now I'm finally opening up and I even played a small role in a musical a few weeks ago and plan on auditioning for a another in August (might even try for the lead) (: So I really just wanted to say THANK YOU and we're going to miss you so much! You seriously were one of the best teachers I've had and the kids in Turkey are going to love you! Come visit us sometime if you come back and most importantly good luck and have fun!

-Jess Roderigues