

It is hard to believe, a full year has flown by! I sit here and reflect on the many faces I've come to know at St. Nicholas; students, parents, and staff. Our board's theme for this year was 'Celebrating God's Family' which rings so true for myself....you all welcomed me into your community and shared with me what makes St. Nicholas Catholic School so unique. For your warmest welcome into 'Your Family', I thank you deeply.

As the year unfolded, there were many moments of celebration and so much to remember....truly a year filled with many blessings and memories:

~ Food Drives, Clothing and Household Items collections, Naturally Fidgety, Growing With Love and Kinder Sonic Smoothie Company ~ all these activities brought forth our students special gifts and talents to serve those less fortunate than us, and together we will continue to encourage the St. Nicholas Family to use their talents to serve God's family.

~ As well, we celebrated each and every student at our 'Good News Assemblies', reflecting on their growth and uniqueness; thank you to all parents, and extended families that were able to share these celebrations with us!

~ There were many extra-curricular activities for students throughout the year. Cross-country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, track and field, choir, dance, green team, tech team and hockey which all provided excellent opportunities for students to develop their talents. Many field trips were planned to extend the learning beyond the classroom walls and into our community.

~ Many St. Nicholas students celebrated sacraments: Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation - Congratulations to all who received these sacraments this school year!

I'd like to sincerely thank all the staff ~ acknowledge your gift of time and talents throughout the year for the good of all our students. Your servant leadership shined through as you worked tirelessly to help all our children develop their God-given talents. God bless you for your dedication to our school.

And finally ~ we are a community, a learning community, a faith-filled community. Our objective is ONE, our supports are all-encompassing: your children, our students, and all of us are blessed to be members of this 'home', St. Nicholas Catholic School Community. I would like to leave you all with an 'Old Cherokee Saying'.....

*Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents; it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors; we borrow it from our Children.*

Most certainly a humbling thought....thank you and God Bless, enjoy the warm restful days of summer. I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy the company of family and friends. See you back in September, ready and eager to learn.

Ms. Toth