

Dear Parents,

Friday marks the end of third quarter. Students have early dismissal at 11:30. The teachers will be using the afternoon to prepare report cards which will be sent home next week Wednesday.

Monday, April 3, is a day off for students. Teachers will be using this time for staff development.

Solid plans are in place to carry St. Joseph School and its students through to the end of the year without my presence. Trust that your children will be well taken care of by wonderful board members, great teachers and outstanding support staff. Our board members: Gregg Slusarek (President), Bob LeMieux, Sr. (Vice-President), Kari Ness (Treasurer) and Dionne Van Iten (Secretary), together with Mr. Keith Krause (Grade 7/8 teacher) and Mrs. Lori Rabas (Kindergarten teacher) will be assuming the principal responsibilities. There have been several meetings to ensure a smooth transition. Of course there will be some changes in store but everyone can benefit from changes.

Friday is my last day at St. Joseph School. One of my favorite things to do is to meet and welcome people and say hello but good-byes are certainly not my specialty and they are definitely much harder!

As I prepare to leave, I think several "thank yous" are in order...

---I thank the members of the St. Joseph School Board for taking a chance and believing in my leadership potential 8 years ago. They have embraced my vision for moving St. Joseph School forward.

---I thank the staff members for supporting my ideas and helping to reach new goals along the way.

---I thank you, parents, for entrusting your children to our care to partner with you for your son/daughter's educational, social and spiritual needs.

---Most of all, I thank your children for making me smile when I needed it, challenging me to be better at my job, and allowing me to be part of their lives.

I have loved my job and all those I work with. I will look forward to hearing great things about St. Joseph School, students, staff and parents. I'm only an email away. May God bless you all and thank you for allowing me to be a part of the St. Joseph School family. **Good-bye...** I will miss you!

Sincerely yours,

Carol Hoard

P.S. My Green Bay Packers flag will be flying proudly in the state of Illinois!