

## ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

*“Where Faith and Knowledge Meet”*

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Dear Parents,

It's with a heavy heart that I approach the end of this school year. St. Philip Neri School has been my home for over thirty years, and it is with great sadness that I will be leaving it at the end of June. While I approach retirement with new found energy, there is a cloud overhead because I'm leaving something I love behind me. However, the silver lining is that I have been blessed with something that I've loved so much that it hurts to leave it.

It has been such an honor to share your lives and the lives of your children for all these years. It has been an even greater honor, that I have been able to share many of your lives as SPN students, and now as SPN parents. Watching children grow is one of God's greatest gifts to us, and the happiness that it brings is like no other. Your children have become like my very own, and that makes it so difficult to leave.

I cannot leave without acknowledging our dedicated and nurturing faculty and our supportive and encouraging parents, who have made it possible to achieve the progress, improvements and achievements that have taken place on our campus and for our students. This cooperation and collaboration is what gives us our strength, our perseverance, our commitment to excellence, and our family atmosphere! As I look back over the years, I can't help but reflect on all the accomplishments that were made possible by this partnership between school and home...the expanded athletic program, the drama program, the nursery program, the Early Learning Center....all the result of strong parental and parish support!

With that being said, there is one person, in particular, who has played such an important role during my time as principal, and that is Mrs. Sue Harney. Mrs. Harney has been assistant administrator for over 25 years, and as I've often said she has truly been my right hand and my left hand. She is one of the most

amazing people I have had the honor to work with. Over the years, she has worn many hats and has truly been the backbone of our faculty and our school. A great deal of the credit for the success of our school goes to Mrs. Harney for her organizational skills, her professionalism, her creativity, her enthusiasm and her incredible sense of humor which has inspired all those around her to give that little bit extra which spelled success. Her hard work, dedication, and love for our students has benefited the entire school, and I am certain that the entire SPN community are as appreciative as I am. I have been so blessed to have her as a co-worker, a confidante, and a friend!

And last, but not least, words cannot express my gratitude to Fr. Harry Bugler, our pastor, who placed his trust and confidence in my role as principal. He has always been there to support my decisions, and to share in my vision for our students and our school. His spiritual leadership has given me the strength and guidance to truly make St. Philip Neri a school “where faith and knowledge meet”.

I will always cherish my time at SPN and all the wonderful memories will last a lifetime! I am confident that your support and encouragement of our school will continue on for the next administration, and that St. Philip Neri School will continue to thrive as it has since its beginning.

Sincerely and with love,

*Carol S. Stack, Ph.D.*

Principal

