

Parents,

Before we depart for the summer, I wanted to say a few things. First, thank you. Thank you for everything you do for the school. Thank you for sending your children to Saint James. Thank you for helping out in so many ways. Thank you for spreading the news about a Saint James education to others. I am truly grateful. We really do have a gem of a school where staff truly cares about every child and puts children first. Your children are the heart and soul of this school. Thank you. I will miss seeing their smiling faces over the summer. They light up my life.

For those of you that are wondering, we have hired a new fifth grade teacher but she is not new to Saint James. Diane Hussey is a veteran teacher that said the happiest time of her career was when she was at Saint James School where she could live her faith daily. She has been working in public school in the Title One program and several grade level configurations and she is so happy to return to Saint James School. I know you will give her a warm welcome.

If you haven't noticed, the stairways have been named at Saint James. Students came up with names and students voted on their first, second and third choices as we tried out rank choice voting. The stairway with Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr. portraits was named Freedom Stairway and the stairway with the Jesus portrait and the drone picture of the students is called Stairway to Heaven. One student commented when walking up the stairs that Jesus is looking over all of us. Out of the mouth of babes!

I cannot believe that the year has come to an end. It has truly flown by this year. As I listened to the graduation speeches, I kept hearing how much our students value their education and feel like they belong to a family here at Saint James School. The graduates were thankful to their parents for their education. We wish our graduates well and we look forward to having the rest of you back next year. Again, I thank you for all that you do for the school. I hope you have a fabulous summer with your child(ren). May God bless you always.

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