



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Principal's Letter June 4, 2010

Dear Parents,

We are saying goodbye today to a wonderful group of young men and women who have brought much joy into our lives. As our eighth grade students move on to high school, we wish them well, and thank their families for sharing them with us.

The eighth grade retreat, held last week at Camp Burton, was a great time to reflect on the past nine years. It's always fun to hear what the children remember. Here are some snippets:

- "Food fights." (Kindergarten)
- "Javad threw up on Caity's nice jacket." (1st grade)
- "Was it just me, or did all of the guys in my class have a crush on Mrs. Cox? (2nd grade)
- "Rachel mixed chips with ice cream." (3rd grade)
- "Oregon Trail, the computer game-everyone died." (4th grade)
- Lychee says to her table group, "I wish I could just tell you guys that I love you!" (5th grade)
- "Camp Thunderbird was definitely a highlight." (6th grade)
- "April Fool's Day-we walked out of the classroom, and then Ms. Stein locked us out!" (7th grade)
- "We are in charge of Field Day!" (8th grade)

There was much laughter, and a few tears, as the memories came flooding back. This is a long time to be together, and there is a tremendous bond by the end of the eighth grade. From past experience, we know that many of these students will stay in touch with each other and with us. That softens the loss...

Many of the eighth grade parents will be "graduating", too, as their last, or only, child leave St. Francis of Assisi School. We thank them for their love and support over the years. We will miss you!

Our eighth graders are going to the following high schools:

John F. Kennedy Catholic High School	27
Holy Names Academy	5
Highline High School	4
Aviation High School	4
Mount Rainier High School	5
O'Dea High School	3
Seattle Prep	1
Vashon High School	1
Tahoma High School	1
Spokane	1

Happy Graduation, Eighth Graders! We are all cheering for you!

Sheila