

Good morning Dave and Octavia.

I know by the time you read this, your day will be almost complete, but I wanted to share something with you.

You may or may not be aware that I represent a commercial cleaning company that services most of the largest employers in West Michigan. During the last few years, our company has been fortunate enough to benefit from the current state of how Michigan funds public schools. (By the way, this is not a sales pitch, honest. Ted and his staff do a wonderful job and I would do all I can to protect St. Thomas from our type of solicitation.)

Why I mention the above, is to inform you that I come into contact with several principals and various other administrators through out the state. I have been in several schools and, naturally, make observations.

What I wish to share with you, is that there is no question in my mind, that you and your staff provide the very best atmosphere for students to learn, grow and flourish into fine young men and women. Sure, I realize others can say that about any individual school. But, I state that from an objective point of view.

Things like the 7th grade re-treat, fostering leadership qualities with the 8th graders, fostering high levels of parent involvement, teachers actively involved in church events (as well as being actual church parishioners), a pre-k environment that is second to none, providing a wonderful balance of academic and extra-curricular activities, and several other items too numerous to mention...there is much to be proud of what is occurring at St. Thomas!

I realize you may receive several "pats-on-the-back" for a job well done, and deservedly so. I simply wanted to share my thoughts, and gratitude, with you. Amidst several changes that have occurred in my children's lives during the past couple of years, what they hold firm to are the relationships and environment at St. Thomas.

Thank you very much and keep up the tremendous work by you and your staff!

Peace in Christ,

Bob