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Hello Dave,

While looking for something on the school website I came across the "unsolicited testimony" (now there's a new advertising phrase-ha) letters from Kim Cook and Nancy Sykes. Now that High School is starting soon I'm realizing that Kyle not going back to St. Thomas is a reality. They both have expressed my own feelings better than even I could.

I remember when Kyle was born in 1994 you sent a note card encouraging us to consider St. Thomas School for his education. Believing that children should be raised by parents who practice one faith, I had become a member of St. Thomas in 1992. Tom and I had already talked about it and decided that we would like to have our children attend St. Thomas School, mainly because we wanted a Catholic school and Tom was an alumni. I'm a graduate of GRPS, and even though I received a good education I had the impression that Catholic schools were somehow "better".

Little did I know then how fortunate it is that we could become a part of our wonderful school community. Not perfect, nor do we pretend to be. The fact that families with the ability to select any school for their children, and choose St. Thomas, in my opinion says a lot. Wanting the best possible opportunities for your child is a normal part of parenting. There will always be people who don't understand, because they haven't experienced it. When Kyle was frustrated with something and asked "Why can't I go to X school where my friend goes?" (because he thought it would be easier), I had many answers for him. We know that St. Thomas was the best decision for our family!

With gratitude to the entire staff,

Karen Nicholson