

Dear Dave and Staff

May 30, 2008

Today is bittersweet. We look forward to the tremendous opportunities that Jordan and Tyler have while at the same time know that they will miss the second home we have come to know and love at St. Thomas School. Over the last several months, I have frequently reflected back on their last 9 years. As I do, my heart is overwhelmed with joy and immense gratitude for the St. Thomas School community. I can still remember touring the school a little over 9 years ago. I am certain the Holy Spirit was with us that day - as we left the school both Dean and I agreed our search was over. I have rarely been so certain about a decision.

Mother Teresa has been quoted as² saying, "We can do no great things; only small things - with great love." This quote reminds me of the St. Thomas School Community. It is not one person, one leader, one teacher, one event, one certain grade or subject, one friend, one sacrament, or one sporting event (although the 8th grade Basketball Championship was pretty cool!). But it is every person, every event, etc added up, that has made Jordan and Tyler's journey at St. Thomas so memorable and remarkable. You have laid the foundation, along with us, for their future. Each of the small things done with such love and dedication and with a Christ-centered approach - that is what makes

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This journey so special.

Recently I had some choices to make regarding available opportunities where I work. I told my manager that it wasn't necessarily the specific position that mattered to me. But more so, I need to be able to leave work every day knowing that I had made some difference, no matter how small or intangible. Each of you can know that you make a difference every single day.

What a precious gift you share. And when you make a difference to a child, you impact the entire family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the blessings our family has received through the St. Thomas School community!

I know that Dylan is still ⁴
here, but I felt the need to
take the time at this point
to say thank you on behalf
of Jordan, Tyler and our
whole family.

May you all have a
restful, Blessed Summer!

With sincere thanks, tears,
and love,

Nancy & Dean Sykes