

## *Happy Summer Everyone!*

*Over the last couple of weeks, I have received cards and notes from parents and grandparents, thanking the teachers and I for all the work that we have done this year to provide an in-person quality education for our children.*

*Those thanks certainly belong to our teachers who taught in person and at the same time to the students who needed remote learning. Some teachers, when diagnosed a direct contact or worse became ill with COVID continued to teach from their kitchen table via a big screen television, directly into the classroom. They and our students never lost a step.*

*The “thank you” also go to families. Parents respected the COVID protocol, even if it meant that some of you should have had stock in nasal swabs. Our students are the best! Masking, hand sanitizing, physically distancing day in and day out, yet no one complained. Other students stayed focused to their computer screen and learned in spite of the distance.*

*As a community, we supported the financial endeavors fostered by several parents who were determined to make a difference in our budget. Kuddos to all! We took a big dent out of the bottom line by selling \$20 raffle tickets.*

*Grade eight graduated June 8<sup>th</sup>, in a very warm service at the church. We celebrated their journey, in some cases 11 years, at SPCC and we blessed them for the next leg of their journey. They are all off to good schools of their choice.*

*Not all of this pandemic was bad. As a faculty, we have commented how so many of the kids seemed calmer and more accepting. They learned that you couldn't sleep over Grandma's, pop into the grocery store or play sports. They came to us in September, more grateful and with more coping skills... not a bad thing.*

*We all learned that our faith was greater than our fear. We prayed often and trusted that our loving God would carry us through. We had trials and tribulations but...*

***WE DID IT!!! AND I proudly say, BETTER THAN ANYONE.***

*Stay healthy, enjoy the warmth of summer and the long days and cool nights. Stay close to God and know that our faith in Him has sustained us.*

*Happy Summer! See you all on Wednesday, September 1.*

*God bless,*

*Mrs. Meg Kursonis*

