

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI SCHOOL

December 9, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the year 2020 comes to an end, so does my journey in Education. I will be retiring effective December 31st. I can honestly say, this is such a tough decision and bitter/sweet, one of the most difficult decisions I have ever made. I look forward to new beginnings and taking care of my family, however I am so sad not to see your children flourish and grow. Your children and the staff have become my second family and it is not easy to say goodbye. Education has been my life for such a long time, and it is difficult to let go. As the song says, "let it go. Let it go.", it is now my time to do so.

Being in education has been an incredible blessing. I have had a desire and passion to teach since I was a young girl, and I am so happy I fulfilled my dream of being a teacher and later a Principal. My family and Faith were instrumental in getting me to where I am today. I have been truly blessed by the incredible Schools, Students, Staff, Senior Administration, Directors and Parents I have met along the way. I have been Principal at two incredible and diverse schools, St. Patrick and St. Clare of Assisi. I am blessed by the opportunities that have been entrusted to me at St. Clare of Assisi - a "gem" in the Creek! Our school motto, comes alive daily when I greet our students, "To be the face of Jesus and see the face of Jesus in everyone you meet." Our students beam with His light throughout the day and this brings me great joy.

I hope I have served you well at St. Clare of Assisi. My motto has always come from the words of the Prophet Micah, "to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" I hope and pray I have done this justly. I have had the honour of working here with an incredible school team that cares about the students and their growth.

As my journey comes to an end and I pass on my role to the new Principal of St. Clare of Assisi, I would like to thank you for your support, your co-operation, and more importantly for bringing your children to a Catholic School. I will continue to pray for all of you and I wish each and every family the very best.

Merry Christmas to all. Wishing you peace and love this season. May God continue to guide you, and to protect your family.

Thank you for the memories and the opportunity. Forever in my heart.

Mrs. C. Martino, Principal

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

Luke 2:9-11