

SUMMER MESSAGE

FROM THE

Director



As our 2008-2009 school year is about to end, I am taking this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your efforts this year! Congratulations to all those who are retiring and those moving to new schools or positions of responsibility.

We should never let our memories become bigger than our dreams; however, it is worth taking a few minutes to consider some of the people and celebrations that contributed to an outstanding year!

- ❖ Our spiritual theme, **Believe, Love, Act** – **“Love Your Neighbour as Yourself”** was woven into daily prayers, relationships and acts of kindness.
- ❖ A hug on the yard
- ❖ Our encounter with St. Paul, one of the great heroes of the early church
- ❖ Computer Conferences
- ❖ Mr. Kenn Grainger reminding us to “Stand Up” for Canada
- ❖ Eco School certifications
- ❖ Sacraments
- ❖ Dr. Adam Cox and the eight essential thinking skills
- ❖ Battle of the Books events
- ❖ Sharon and Emily Hawkins received the keys to their new home as PVNC staff contributed to this Habitat for Humanity build project
- ❖ Staff parties
- ❖ Monthly Catholic Virtue
- ❖ New English As A Second Language programs
- ❖ OFSAA Championships
- ❖ Fitness Friends and Have-A-Go events
- ❖ Parent volunteers and Catholic School Councils working as partners in our classrooms and schools
- ❖ Graduations
- ❖ Restorative Justice circles
- ❖ Michael “Pinball” Clemons and his message, “Positive Attitude Begins with a Smile”
- ❖ Assessment Demonstration Classroom visits
- ❖ Safe Schools Suspension and Expulsion programs
- ❖ First Nation, Métis and Inuit programs, resources, and representatives
- ❖ Laureate Award for Fast Forward project
- ❖ Dr. Jean Clinton and her talks “The First “R” Relationships – Building Blocks of the Brain”
- ❖ Visits of our local parish priests
- ❖ Community Police officers
- ❖ Student teachers
- ❖ Delegations from United Kingdom and three Catholic School Boards
- ❖ Construction crews at St. Anthony and St. Stephen’s Secondary

These represent a few of the many memories of 2008-2009. Please accept this Prayer of Gratitude and my sincere thanks for making a significant difference in the lives of your students and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

John Mackle
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

A Prayer of Gratitude

Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts of love, especially for those we often overlook.

Thank you for friends – to increase our love for you.

Thank you for enemies – to increase our tolerance.

Thank you for joys and happiness – to strengthen our faith in you.

Thank you for trials and tribulations – to strengthen our trust and perseverance.

Thank you for the times when all goes well – to teach us patience.

Thank you for our successes – to increase our confidence.

Thank you for our failures – to increase our humility.

Thank you, Lord for the “ups” and “downs” of life.

Thank you, Lord, for the precious gift of life itself.

Help us to continue to grow and to learn, to love and to be grateful.

Comfort us when we are disturbed; disturb us when we become too comfortable.

Thank you, Lord, for being by our side.

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