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I am a Pioneer. I will always be a Pioneer at heart...but now, today, I am starting a new journey. When I walk through these doors, it will be the last time I do as a Pioneer... because the next time you see me, I will be a Saint, a Knight, a Cavalier, or a Spartan.



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Riley Noll

"All good things must come to an end, but I wouldn't want it to end with any other people or be at any other time."



Clara Burns

I have been here at Saint Elizabeth for what seems like forever. I have learned many lessons and had some memorable moments. I have been surrounded by a lot of great adults and good friends.

As literally all of you know I have been blessed to have guy friends that have changed my life in a great way. They are kind and the funniest people I know. Without having an environment like I do at Saint E's I firmly believe that I would have friends like this. I have so many great memories from these past nine years and I am very grateful.

Saint Elizabeth has somehow changed my life in one way or the other. I would like to thank my teachers especially Mrs. Brough, Mrs. Jump, Mrs. Diehm and Mrs. Barrett. These women have taught me so many things other than the subject they teach. They have taught me to be faithful to God, how to be a good friend, and what to do in tough situations. These days they are not only my teachers but mentors. Though I will miss my fellow classmates choosing a different path I will miss these strong women too. I also want to thank my parents for all that they do for me and for sending me to a good school and supporting me.

Bella Gerardot



I came to this school in second grade. I was scared, but Saint Elizabeth welcomed me with open arms. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton has become like a second home to me. I am comfortable here and enjoy being with my classmates every day. I am sad to leave.

Even if I don't want to admit it, I am. I am upset to leave behind memories of my friends and sad that everyone is splitting up. It is crazy to think that it is all almost over. It feels like just yesterday I was walking into the school for my first day of eighth grade. This year has passed by so fast, and I couldn't be more grateful for the great year I have had. I have been through a lot in the past seven years. Being able to have my teachers and friends' support every day means so much to me. I am so lucky to be able to come to school every day and have people there for me. A part of me wants to graduate so bad, but the other part wants to stay in middle school. I know that I will enjoy being in high school, but I will definitely miss being at Saint Elizabeth.

In conclusion, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School has been a great part of my life. I feel that our grade is like a family and that family is almost over. I am heartbroken that I am leaving, but I cannot wait to see what happens next year and what the future holds for me.

It is time. It is the end of my journey as Saint Elizabeth Ann Setan Catholic School. This has been a long and fun journey. There were hard moments, there were good moments, and there were moments where I just wanted to skip.

The best moments were the time when I went to the Zoo in first grade and spent the night there. I have been here since Kindergarten. This school has changed a lot since the first day I was here, when I first came here, we were still with Saint Joseph. My fourth grade year, we became our own school. The hardest part of me going here is probably seventh grade and fifth grade because of all the "drama". But being here, I made a lot of friends and lost a couple friends. I remember it was hard for me to find my right friends, I didn't feel like I was with the right people. When I got to fifth grade, I finally found my group, my true friends. A word of advice- if you think that you aren't worthy enough to have friends than you are wrong. Everyone should.

When I got to seventh grade, I had a lot of trust issues, so it was hard for me to talk to people. I felt like an outcast, but I got through it. I got to eighth grade and everything got better. I wanted to make my last year a memory that I will keep until my death. It's a scary thought when you say that you're going into high school. Through my life, I have a hard time thinking and being smart, but my friends got me through that. Everyone here is a good person or at least will be a good person.

I don't know whether I'm going to Homestead or Bishop Luers, but I will always find someone to be friends with. I am a VERY talkative person. I'm talk so much, it's to the point where I think it's weird not for me to talk. I don't want to give my opinion, buuuuuuuuuuuuut most of the teachers here are helpful. A lot of the teachers here have good humor, the middle school teachers are AMAZING.

My favorite teacher at this school is Mr. Ware. He is the middle school social studies teacher, I relate to him the most. You might first think that he's scary, but he is so funny.

This school is always going to be a place in my heart of hearts and of my soul of souls. In sixth grade I found out that I was related to one of my best friends. That's when my friendship changed for me. In fifth grade, I went to StarBase for a week, I thought it was amazing. In seventh grade we started playing a lot of card games in study hall after we were done with homework. I was awesome at Uno and I still am. In eighth grade I won the middle school costume contest for the teachers, I went as Dwight Schrute for the contest. This year we went to camp Potowatomi and I thought it was one of the best times of my life.

You will make a lot of friends going here, maybe even enemies, but that doesn't matter because the teachers here will always be there for you. It was a good life, but I need to move on, goodbye.



Riley Noll

"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

Genevieve Cicchielo

Alex Brzozowski

Dear Saint Elizabeth,

I have been attending Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton for 8 years. I have been blessed to have some amazing teachers and great friends along the way.

The teachers were always there to help me when I needed it and even when I didn't think I needed it they were there to guide me in the right direction.

My favorite memories of elementary school would have to be the class parties and field trips. I remember in 4th grade we picked a saint to learn about and then be our saint for a day! A special moment for me was in the 2nd grade when we did our First Communion. It was great that we got to share that experience with our family and classmates. There was nothing better than when we got to spend the night at the zoo in 1st grade! We must have been sleeping close to the monkeys because we could hear them squealing all night! All I know is, I got about 3 hours of sleep that night, but it was a blast! I remember when art and library were in the cafeteria! We would use the lunch tables for art- class and they would literally roll out the library!

Middle school started off a bit scary! Changing classes and using lockers seemed like a big deal at first. But the teachers were all AWESOME!! Classes were not as easy, but the teachers were there to help us out just enough when I needed it. I honestly felt that they had my back and wanted me to succeed. Even if I wasn't perfect, they would always find the positive in my work.

Even though my friends stayed the same, our relationships grew. A great advantage about going to a small catholic school would have to be having spirit pals and finally being a spirit pal. I don't remember much about my spirit pal when I was in 2nd grade, except for the fact that he seemed so tall! But I thought there was nothing cooler than hanging out with an 8th grader!! Now that I am a spirit pal I see the importance of being a role model. My second-grade spirit pal is so funny and nice!

Overall, the great thing about attending Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is that it is a small school with teachers and staff that are friendly and helpful. It almost feels like family, I could walk down a hall and a teacher would say, "Hi, Alex!"



I have been at this school since I was three. It's hard to believe I will not be coming back in the fall. Because I have gone here almost my entire life, Saint. Elizabeth has helped teach me all the things I know. My parents are the biggest teachers in my world, but the people at this school are very important too. The beauty of attending somewhere for preschool through eighth grade is the ability to walk into any room and the people will know who you are.

No matter how I feel about the school and the people there, I am so comfortable going down the hallway by myself, it feels like it is a second home. One thing I learned from Saint Elizabeth is how to find opportunities for myself, and how to create my reputation. By middle school, everyone had found different paths for themselves, which I think is really cool. In kindergarten through fifth grade, every single person did the same activities. It amazes me how by the end of middle school, we all know what we like and have unique characteristics. Not one single person is the same. We all have different interests, from music to sports, academics to art, and an abundant combination of clubs. This is a small thing to think about, but it is cool to think of each of my classmates with their own colorful personality.

I will miss the other people in my grade who I won't see again, and the people who will be at Saint Elizabeth again next year. I am starting to think of everything that will change in high school. A lot of my friends and I are going to the same place next fall, but it will be different. Here, we can sit in Mrs. Brough's room and have fun while we talk, laugh, and play games. Next year will not be the same. I have grown in my confidence here so much, and I enjoy how close I feel with everyone. Maybe our entire grade is not the best friends, but as I learned at Camp Potawatomi, we are more compatible than I thought. I am excited for new opportunities I will have next year and to see what my peers end up doing in high school. We have a lot of potential to make a difference where we end up and we are ready to do great things. Thank you to everyone who made my school experience such a special one, I will keep amazing memories of Saint Elizabeth and the people who were there.

Katie Roskuski

Eleven years, eleven years is the amount of time I will have spent at Saint Elizabeth when I graduate in May. Saint Elizabeth is all I know. I have a lot of friends that go to public school and I am so glad that my parents chose to send me to Catholic school. I can't imagine not knowing everyone in my grade and their personalities. This grade has some of the best people I've ever met. I've met some of my best friends at this school and I wouldn't trade that for anything. I met two of my first best friends named Kendall and Emma at this school and I am glad to say that I will walk out of this school with them as my best friends. I also met Ashley, Riley, Clara, Bea, and Abby. They always make my school day better. I am so thankful for all my friends at Saint Elizabeth. In my eleven years at Saint Elizabeth I have also had some amazing teachers. When you go to Saint E's you get the same teachers for 3 years. I like having the same teachers for 3 years because you can have a bond with them and see how they change in 3 years just like they see us change in 3 years. Mrs. Brough has been my homeroom teacher this year and I am so thankful that I'm not scared of her anymore. From almost crying on the first day of 6th grade because I forgot my homework to saying goodbye to her at graduation, I can say that I have learned a lot from her in those years. I haven't only learned math, but life lessons as well. I am also thankful for having Mrs. Yarde, Mrs. Diehm, Mrs. Lehman, Mrs. Jump, Mrs. Spoltman, and Ms. Tomlinson who wasn't here for my 8th grade year. These teachers have prepared me for High School. Next year I am going to Bishop Luers High School and I am planning on playing volleyball. I am very excited for what the future holds and I won't forget what Saint Elizabeth has taught me.





Eddie Stronczek

Dear reader,

As my eighth grade year at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School comes to a close, my entire grade school-middle school life will fade into the pages of my personal history. As the class is preparing to split up (with the exception of some), I am left with another four years of Catholic education, high school.

It's not all bad, of course (but I'm not saying that high school is bad). Enrolling in classes like theater, World History, and others will definitely "broaden my horizons", so to speak. I even have I feeling that I may start using figures and wordplay from now on.

Leaving middle school has its pros and cons. For example, summer vacation will mean something; a change to be free of all distractions that the world could hurl at my face. To be honest, that doesn't sound too pleasant in real life. However, the bad part about it is that I have to do a little "catching up" in Mathematics (namely a month-long math camp). Also, I will be leaving behind some friends, a one of them whom I have known since kindergarten at Queen of Angels School, in the days following numerous leg casts and trips to the city of Chicago, where this class will be going on May 10th.

I'll be leaving behind memories of past experiences with the soon to be graduating class of 2019, which will graduate the high school stage in 2023. I'll leave behind a class trip to BizTown, USA in fifth grade, a wax museum day in fourth grade, a would-be "Pioneer Day" (which was canceled, sadly), a trip to the Fort Wayne Children Zoo in first grade, a Camp Potawatomi earlier this year, and the days when my birthday was on a school day, days when I would bring in cotton candy to the surprised delight of the class.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School has done so much for myself and this particular class. They, along with ourselves, hope to spread God's Word to the community. The teachers have taught us so much. We are very thankful for them.

As the year sadly comes to a close, a curtain falls over this tiny chapter in the history of our lives as individuals, and the class of 2019 of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School of Fort Wayne, Indiana, the 93rd largest city in the United States of America.

We, as students of this school, people of this "Fort" on Three Rivers, Members of this State, Citizens of this Great Country, Inhabitants of this World, and God's Greatest Creation, we pledge to make a difference all around us.

And as I say this, I, Edward Stronczek, a soon-to-be graduate of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, say one final thing to who are reading this letter, quoting this famous line: "So long, farewell."

*"Your time is limited,
so don't waste it living
someone else's life."*

Mick Brita

10 years at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton School it has been a long time that I have spent attending this school and I have learned many things that will help me progress in the future. Friends are one thing that I will keep, and some I will lose but, I will always remember what they did for me. People at Saint Elizabeth are the people who have made me who I am today and who I will hopefully be in the future. I am very thankful for all the effort the school staff has put into me to make me a better student. I will be happy to finally leave this place but sad as well. I am leaving many things behind and taking new things with me. Friends I have made here will be forever and they will always put a smile on my face. Friends are a thing that we can make anywhere but the ones at school are always there day in and day out with us. Without them we would struggle and not succeed. They are the one who push us on to greater heights and to achieve greatness.



Isabelle Ellis

I have been at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School since Kindergarten, it is truly a second home. I have made so many friends they feel like family. I am going to miss this place and all the people I see everyday walking down the hallway. Some of the best memories I have made, was here at St. Elizabeth. Everyone is so nice and welcoming. This school has taught me to be a good person and be the best that I can be.



My second grade teacher, Ms. Slocum, is one of my favorite teachers. She is funny and she made everyday of second grade fun. She not only taught us about math, English and science, but also how to be a better person and grow in our faith. She is a teacher that I will remember forever and I am so thankful that she was my teacher. Another great teacher is Mrs. Lehman, she is the English teacher for middle school. Although English isn't one of my favorite subjects, I always look forward to going to her class every morning. She makes it more interesting and fun than the average teacher would.

Last but not least, my friends have truly made my time at St. Elizabeth amazing. There the reason I am crying as I write my farewell letter to St. Elizabeth. They have been with me through the ups and downs and I have my full trust in them. They make me laugh and bring joy to me every single day, even if we have a huge test coming up they are always there for me and support me. There are 48 people graduating with me this year and even though not all 48 sit with me at lunch and talk to me every single day, each one of them is still nice and kind and we all care for each other. We are literally one big family and that is what makes St. Elizabeth extra special!



Caroline Close

I've been at this school since the preschool and it's all I've ever known. I've made many memories that will stick with me forever and friends that I will treasure. I want to thank all my friends and the memories we have. Macy, Paolo, and Ariana I will miss us hanging out in class with you, especially Spanish class. Also, to all my other friends and the memories we have. I will miss all my friends so much.



Dear Saint Elizabeth,

Wow! I've been with you for nine years! That's a long time. You have taught me many lessons that I don't think any other school would've been able to. You have challenged me in many ways and I am blessed because it helped me and will continue to help me toughen up and prepare for high school. Your staff and students have given me so much love, kindness, and courage to last me a lifetime. I am beyond thankful for my experience at this school with the people I was surrounded with for more than half of my life. I learned that hard work pays off. I learned that waiting until last minute doesn't always work. I learned that if you forget a book at school and remember at 7:30 at night there is a good chance that there will be a janitor at school willing to let you inside to sprint to grab your book. I learned that sometimes when you run down the hallway as the tardy bell is ringing, you won't actually be tardy. I also learned that getting a lot of tardies doesn't have a good outcome. As you can tell Saint E's, like I said: you have taught me a lot. I hope that you continue to shed your bright light on many more kids to come. Thank you for everything:)

Bea Burton

Aiyanna Ponce

I have been at this school for seven years and I'm excited for high school. My time at this school was enjoyable and the extra activities like field trips or holidays were fun. The teachers were friendly, and I enjoyed being in their class. In this school I also made some friends. This school had many extra activities we could participate in too. They had great sports here even though I didn't do any of them. I was in one of the plays and it was interesting. All in all, this school was enjoyable. I will miss this school when I'm gone but I'm sure high school will be great.



Ashley Nill

I have been at Saint Elizabeth for ten years! It has been an amazing journey. I have met so many awesome friends at Saint Elizabeth. They have helped me and encouraged me throughout my time here. Also, I remember fifth grade most of all. We got a lot of homework, but Mrs. Yarde always made the day so much fun. In the midst of all my great moments here I have had a few tough moments. One thing is for sure. If I was having a hard time, my eighth grade class could always make me laugh. It is crazy to think that ten years ago I was singing the Alphabet in Mrs. Gall's first preschool class and now I'm balancing chemical equations in Mrs. Jump's eighth grade class! I have learned many things at Saint Elizabeth and one thing I know is that my class is just like my second family. I can't wait for my journey ahead and I will never forget Saint Elizabeth.



Henry Schwartz

I can't believe I am going to be a high schooler. I have learned so much at this school. There have been many unforgettable moments. I will always remember playing basketball and how much we improved. I have met so many great people who have always supported me. One thing I learned is to always be yourself. I can't wait to see what high school brings me.

"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin."

Andrew Hermann

The ride that I've gone on here at this school is unforgettable. Ever since preschool I was excited to come to school most of the time. The day was always filled with fun and learning. Even if it could get boring at times! In twenty years, I will still remember the memories and friends that I have made along the way. This has truly been a great experience. One of my favorite memory is when we won our first football game ever. In sixth grade we played Central Catholic in the semi-finals of the CYO football tournament. It was soaking wet, but I enjoyed every moment of it. The score was six to zero, but it was one of the best memories at this school. I remember as the time ticked down to zero just thinking "We won. We actually won!" After the game we all slide in the mud even though our parents weren't too happy. Even though there were a lot of great times there can still be a few things that can make your time here a little less great. For example, don't procrastinate. I know that sounds easy, but it can be hard not to. At the time it seems fine but later that night or in a day or two you will regret it. I can recall a time in fifth grade. I didn't do a project till the night before and I paid the price. I ended up staying up till like eleven o'clock and had a miserable day. In the end I will have fond memories of this school. And I hope everyone else will to.



Grace O'Connor

I cannot believe that I am ending my years here at Saint Elizabeth. I am so sad to leave this school, and all the memories I have made here. This school is like my second home, and my class is like a family. No matter how much I hate waking up to come here in the morning, I always am happy to be here. My favorite memories have come from this place and activities in the school.

It seems like yesterday that we were all given the reputation of "That" class in third grade. Some of my favorite memories are all the girls sitting on a blanket at camp talking about spirit animals, and much more. My friends and I doing the human table in our confirmation party, faking a court in fifth grade, Alondra saving my life at show choir. These memories have made me who I am.

I'm going to miss the teachers too. Mrs. Bowman was my Confirmation sponsor, and I will miss her next year. Mrs. Lehman got me to love writing, and English is my favorite class now. There are so many other teachers too, and I will be sad to not be able to see them every day. I will miss playing volleyball, tennis, doing cheer, and everything else next year. At the beginning of the year, I was ready to leave this school. Now that I am nearing the end, I don't want to leave anymore. I will miss this school next year, but I am also excited for what is to come in high school. All that's left to say is goodbye everybody.

Ariana Barzola Delgado

I am truly sad to be leaving Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. I have been going here since I was in 2nd grade. Growing up here has taught me so much. It has taught me to be a good Catholic and a great person. Saint Elizabeth's education has expanded my learning skills and so much more. I am most proud of all the



things I have accomplished here. Advice I can give is to be yourself and to not be scared of anything. I would like to thank my classmates for being good friends and teachers for teaching me well. I will miss all the people here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. I have had so many

great memories and I will cherish them forever. Leaving Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is

hard but I can not wait to go to high school and start a new journey.-Love Ariana

I've been at Elizabeth for 11 whole years of my life. I started when I was three years old. Growing up in a special place like this school really has a impact on my life. I can remember a special thing that happend in almost every single grade. Like when I threw up on Ashley's shoes in 2nd grade, or in fourth grade where I had to pull my card to yellow almost everyday.

Having a small number of students in my grade gave my a lot of time to be friends with a lot of people, hopefully my friendship can continue with them in high school. I would have to say in all my time being here the best moments that took place, were in the lunch room. The people I sat with at my table are probably some of thee funniest people I will ever meet.

When it comes to the teachers at our school, they all hold a special place in me for a certain reason. However the Staff member that I feel helped me most thrugh this school is Mrs. Barrett. Everyday she greets me in the halls and I feel I can talk to her about anything. Even in kindergarten she was my favorite, not just because she would tie my shoes for me, but because she is one of the nicest people I know.

When I think of what I've accomplished at this particular school, the only thing that comes to mind is when I had to read at Mass this year. Now its not like I haven't read at Mass before, but it was the fact that I haven't read in front of so many people since 3rd grade. When I got up there to read, I looked up and realized what a welcoming school we really have. That got a lot of the nervousness out of me, but it was still not enough to make me stop shaking and stuttering.

I really hope that anyone else that goes to this school for as long as I did can have the same feeling when they are about to graduate. I hope that they are as excited as me to get into high school, but are as sad as I am to leave this school. This school will always be in my memory and it will be something I'll never be able to forget.

John Speer



Ethan Beck

I can't believe that this was my last year here. It has gone by so fast. I can't believe it. I will miss a couple of people here that made my learning experience so much fun. It was fun to meet new people and become great friends with them that will last forever. I will always remember a couple of field trips that made the year better. My kindergarten through 8th grade went by in the blink of an eye.

*"When you leave here,
don't forget why you came."*



Abby Spoltman

"So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, good night. I hate to go and leave this pretty sight." I've been attending Saint Elizabeth for eleven years. I've been here since three-year-old preschool when I was two, and now I'm preparing to leave. Saint Elizabeth has set a good foundation for my faith and my education that I can build upon in high school and beyond. Thank you for being a part of that. I think that the best part of Saint Elizabeth was the teachers. From preschool to middle school, I always loved certain teachers. It was the part that could make or break the days of school. The way they taught the material dictated whether I obtained the information or not.

The only teachers I really remember are from middle school, but I do remember having fun with my elementary teachers. I especially like that the teachers can watch my classmates and myself grow throughout the year. I feel as though there is a big difference between the first day of school and the last day of school, and my teachers were able to see that. Growing up here has been weird in a sense. The same people have seen me one hundred and eighty days a year or more for eleven years. However, it's nice seeing familiar faces every year. I don't have to reintroduce myself to anyone. Everyone knows everyone's names and we have the same people we talk to.

It's going to be weird having to meet new people in my classes next year. It will be like kindergarten all over again, except people don't become friends in five minutes anymore and no one pretends to be a cat or a dog in their free time. At least, that would probably be disturbing if they did. Next year I'm attending Bishop Luers High School. I plan to do theater and participate in as many clubs as I can. I want to expand my education, strengthen my faith, and have a successful future. I feel as though Saint Elizabeth has prepared me for this.



Justin Goscowicz

I am excited to say I am graduating from Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. I have had many good memories that start all the way back to when I received my First Communion, all the way until getting confirmed last month. Since 3rd grade I was able to play on the football team every year all the way until 8th grade. I also got to play on the basketball team since 5th grade. Playing sports for the school has really taught me life lessons and shown me that not everything is fair. However, I have also learned everything I am capable of, and this has given me confidence. Through the years I have been able to make many close friends, and many great memories. Most of all, I have been able to learn about the Catholic religion and deepen my relationship with God. I am ready to start a new phase of my life.



Emma Murphy

Everyone at the church and school community has shaped me in some way during my 8 years of being here. I have morphed in many ways;

I came in as a shy 1st grader who struggled to talk to people but because of Saint Elizabeth's close-knit atmosphere I have come out of my shell and became more confident in myself. If I were to go to a public school, I don't think I would have the type relationships I have now. These kids that I'm graduating with are my peers, friends, and most importantly family. I am heartbroken that I will be leaving them, but I believe high school will gift us with many more opportunities. I won't forget the hilarious, crazy, and memorable times here. I love you all so much...peace out.



Alondra Alfaro

Even though I've only been at this school for two years my 7th and 8th grade years were a rollercoaster. I've made so many great friends over these past two years as well as memories I will never forget. From the school dances to the most stressful social studies test, I've enjoyed every moment here.

My friends mean a lot to me and so does the support of my teachers, who have pushed me so much to become a better writer, scientist, mathematician and many greater things. My grade is not a grade, we're a family, we all have a very close connection no matter what "friend group" you're in. Yes, we do get into fights, yes, we do argue...a lot and yes, we exaggerate over the amount of homework we get but we all love every single person in this building.

Teachers can get annoying and make us mad, but when we have THOSE talks, those talks make us even closer. Talking about the similarities in our lives, how annoying neighbors can be, and how it's always raining in Florida, or simply spilling all the TEA to Mrs. Brough creates a stronger bond between us. Just like all good journeys this must come to an end just like this letter...thank you, next.

"Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential."



Kendall Arnold

It's crazy to think that I've spent a whole decade here. From laughing my head off with my best friends in the middle of the science lab, to crying with my whole class because our student teacher was leaving, Saint E's has been nothing but a loving place for me. It has given me the opportunity to be the best version of me I can and to try my absolute hardest to learn something surprising about every single one of my class mates. In my time here I have grown from a small, shy, quiet little kid to a talkative, friendly, and confident person. I've had a chance to make myself who I want to be and to grow with a very close-knit group of lassmates. The people I used to be afraid of are now my good friends and kids that I used to think were super weird I now talk to on a daily basis.

This school has taught me to love everyone I meet and to try to make the best out of all situations. It's helped me to learn not to judge anyone and to help spread a little joy everywhere I go. Sure, there were parts about my years here that I didn't like. For instance, I didn't like the school aspect of it at all. . . but I did like working on projects with my friends and being able to feel comfortable around everyone in the school. I love the fact that I get to grow close with my teachers and everyone here. For as long as I've been here, this school has become a safe place for me. As someone who has always been anxious and shy, our school has helped me to feel confident and secure in every way.

To be honest, I think I might actually miss this place. I'll miss walking in and seeing all my teachers that know me so well. I'll miss coming to class and knowing every single person in the room as a friend and someone there to talk to. I'll miss coming to lunch and seeing Katie, Emma, Clara, Abby, Ashley, Bea, and Riley all at our table ready to talk about our days. I'll miss going to art class and talking to Jose about Avengers. I'll miss going to math and playing "spot it" or "Jenga" with my friends. (I'll even miss teasing Preston, Andrew, and Henry by calling them the daddies) I'll miss going to HOUSE and having really surprising conversations with Aiyanna. I'll miss yelling at John during homeroom for saying something stupid. I'll miss talking to Clara in the bathroom about stuff stressing us out and how to deal with it. I'll miss seeing the smile on Mrs. Jump's face when someone finally understands something, and the way Mrs. Lehman manages to make the most boring things not so boring. I'll miss the way Mrs. Brough loves all of us like her own kids and the way that Mrs. Diehm can be so friendly, but can keep us in check at the same time. I'll miss the way Mrs. Senesac is always happy to see us and Mr. Ware's joking attitude towards us. I'll miss my conversations with Mrs. Spoltman during art and listening to Miss Rush trail off during music. I think I might even miss seeing all the little kids around the building. But most of all, I'll miss the loving, joyful, and accepting community that fills this whole school. It was amazing to be here. (And I hate to admit it, but I'm kind of sad to leave).

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School has taught me so much from the very first day of third grade to the very last day of eighth grade. The first time I felt at home was in fifth grade. I truly felt at home and that I was finally part of a family. I had lost so many friends in the process of moving schools that I was sad, but my classmates accepted me. I have met so many people along the way some that will forever be known as my "mejor amigas".

Middle School started and I felt like I was ready for the challenges that laid in front of me. The first year I learned so much of who I was and the faces that saw me realize it they were just priceless. I think the first day of sixth grade I would have to say changed the course of the next three year. I became closer with people that without them I would probably be the meanest person.

The next year was even better I learned that even though school is boring that the teachers are amazing. Mrs. Lehman taught me not only to be a great writer but to actually understand grammar. She also taught me that chocolate is the best thing ever invented. She was been my HOUSE leader since well 7th grade, we have the best time in our house group. I will miss Mrs. Lehman and how cool of a teacher she is.

We are a family here at Saint Elizabeth and it hurts to say good bye. I am not going to lie I did cry one time in literature just thinking that in very little time I will have to say goodbye to all my friends. Almost all of my friends are going to the same high school as me. Some of my closet friends aren't going there.

Owen Wooldard



I was only here for two years, but I enjoyed it very much. I was expecting to come in and just not like it and live with it, but that thought changed quickly. I instantly felt like I was part of a family here. When I came, I would've never thought I would've said this, but I will miss this school and the people. The teachers are great, and the other kids can be hard to deal with sometimes but it's always fun.

I'd like to thank my parents for helping me in the school transition. I'd like to thank the other students for helping me feel accepted here in the two years I was here. It has been fun at Saint Elizabeth and I sure will miss it next year.

Sabrina Hernandez



"What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

Hunter Kaminskas

I have been at Saint Elizabeth for 9 years. That's 180 days each year. I have spent 1,620 days in this building. That is 97,200 minutes of my life. Even though my chapter is closing, I won't be able to forget it. It went from Mrs. Widner to Mrs. Jump, and everyone in between. I want to thank you all. From friends, who put up with me through thick and thin, to people who chose to have a conversation with me in the hallway. I want to thank Mrs. Jump and Mrs. Brough. They gave me patients and love. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with you.



Even though I'm leaving I will always be your student. I wouldn't trade my experience here for the world. The amazing teachers and my amazing friends. The times I laughed and the times I have cried shaped me into the person I am today. This school couldn't have been better for shaping me into the person I want to be. It had up and downs but if you don't expect that then you can't get anywhere in life. At one point I hit a road block in my life. I didn't really understand the importance of school.

My family member told me. "Nobody wants to sit in a class room for the rest of their lives but it's about getting through that and doing and exploring what you want in your life." It's like the line from the movie "wax on wax off." I want to take this with me when I leave here. Even when I go home the last time it will always be a 2nd home. My advice to you future students is learn and grow. In every aspect of the phrase. Grow and learn as a person. Learn and grow in your faith and in your education. One of my favorite quotes is "Part of the journey is the end." -Tony Stark. That's what this was a journey. I am ready to start my new beginning.

Hayden Shane

The time I spent here is k-2-5-4-8. I think this school is great, and I think the teachers are great. They helped me a lot to become the person I am today. Some stuff I want to say to future students is respect the teachers and ask questions if you need help. I want to thank all the teachers I've had here and the other staff. I want the new students to have as much fun as I did here at school, and I want them to always look back at the memories they have here just like I do today. Make sure you find someone here who will be good to you and support you here at this school, because I know there is going to be a person here who will be there for you. GO PIONEERS!



Jose Solis

My thoughts of going to this school are that this was the best school I had been in my whole life even if I only came here for four years. The teachers that stick out to me are all of them because they all have helped me reach where I'm at right now. Three teachers that I want to thank for helping me through school are Mrs. Brough, Mrs. Spoltman, and Miss Widner. The education here was the best and the teachers would always push you to become better. What I am most proud of is how the teachers got me to become a better artist and a better person. Many of them got me ready for my career. The advice that I would give to someone is that this is the best school that you will be able to find with the best teachers and fun teachers who are our friends, (Mrs. Brough and Mrs. jump) So they will get the best experience ever.



Austin Farris



It seems life you went by in the blink of an eye. When I first came to Saint Elizabeth, I was lonely and didn't know anyone. This was in fifth grade. The teacher I had was Mrs. Yarde and she really helped me to open and make new friends. Football was a sport that also helped me to make new friends.

I also got the courage to be able to go to a new school from my dad's example of being a firefighter. If I was ever afraid to do something, I would just think about what he does every time he goes to work.

One of the main pieces of advice that helped me through school was don't spend too much time on one question. This advice helped me because I would spend a lot of time on one question trying to figure it out. I want this advice to be passed on because if you don't know how to do one question you can try another and maybe it will help you figure out how to solve the other problems. I was told this many times throughout middle school. I feel like I got a good education because of the help of each of my teachers.

The thing that I am most proud of from middle school is my growth in school, and in sports. I grew a lot in school over the past four years. I went from my worst subject being English to being able to make it into honors English for high school. I was also able to make it into algebra in my eighth-grade year.

I grew also in sports. I started doing two new sports throughout middle school that I plan to do in high school.

These two sports are football and track. I also got better at wrestling, a sport that I have been doing since I was four. I plan on doing all three of these sports in high school and also get good grades.

Some of the advice I would give to the younger grades is always study and turn in all your homework to do good in school. This will really help you to get good grades and be successful. It will also help the teachers like you. Another piece of advice I would give is pay attention in class and take the notes the teacher gives to you. If you don't do this, you will struggle when it is time for the test.

I want to thank all the teachers who helped me in school. They allowed me to be able to successfully pass through school and make it into high school. They also all cared for me and cheered me up with their positive attitudes during the school day.

Finally, I want to share my favorite experience from middle school. This was when we won our first football game. It was a game that all my family came to and it was raining, and the field had a solid inch of water on it. We played hard the first half and scored once. The other team also did. We were tied in the fourth quarter with only a few minutes left and they had the ball. Me and another teammate broke through their line and tackled the quarter back fumbling the ball and then turning it over. We scored on that drive and won the game.



Nate Kinder

The end of one race is the start of another as I leave Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School and go on to Bishop Dwenger High School. I just want this to reflect all the teachers who helped me to stop being lazy and to be a more punctual and respectful gentleman. Also, this has to have Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Leja who all were so nice. Also, Mrs. Jump who probably helped me the most. Thanks and see you later Saint E's.

Sam Koehl

I have been going to Saint Elizabeth since I was in preschool. Every single one of the teachers I have had I am thankful for. They all gave me a good education and prepared me for the next step. Football has always been a big part of my life and Saint Elizabeth provided a great team for me to play for. Even though we didn't win very much I won't forget the experience I had. All of the memories I gained and the lessons I learned I will carry on to high school and on.



Macy Moser

I have been going to Saint Elizabeth since preschool and have always remembered going to the 8th graders' graduation. It's hard to believe that I will be in the next graduating class. As I reflect on my time at Saint Elizabeth, the people, experiences and education I have received stand out to me the most.

My family, friends, and teachers have influenced me the most throughout the years. My family has always supported me and encouraged me to try my hardest and do my best. They have always been there for me, no matter what, and I can always count on them to give me the best advice. I have also formed many special friendships throughout the years, making my time here more enjoyable. Whenever I am stressed, they always find a way to make me laugh. I don't know what I'd do without them. Finally, my teachers have not only given me a good education, but have helped me be well prepared for high school. I have had many memorable experiences at Saint Elizabeth. From Fox Island to Zoo Night to Camp Potowatomi, these indelible moments are some of my best memories. Playing basketball, tennis and running cross country were also great experiences. I learned a lot from my coaches and teammates. Service has also been an emphasis at Saint Elizabeth. Being a part of the National Junior Honor Society helped me focus on giving back to my community in a very meaningful way. All of these experiences have helped form the person I am today.

Finally, my parents chose to send me to Saint Elizabeth so I could receive a Catholic education. Having the ability to attend Mass each week and receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation has helped me grow in my faith. This foundation will help me live a good Catholic life. As I count down the days to graduation, I will enjoy my final moments by reflecting on the people, experiences and education that have shaped me into the person I am today.

Arturo Wisbrun-Rodriguez

I came to Saint Elizabeth Ann at 6th grade I was kind of nervous about making friends but a lot of people there became my friend. The teachers here are very helpful and they will listen to you if you need to say something and they try their best to help you. These three years have been amazing for me I have had a lot of fun at this school and I will miss it a lot. This school has provided a different experience for me that I will miss once I go to high school.



I am sad to say it is now my final year at this school and will miss it and all the people inside it dearly.

From the beginning of my life here at Saint Elizabeth to the end now, I have created a special bond with teachers, peers, and everyone I come by throughout the years of being a member here. I know from experiences with everyone that we all protect each other from harm and always strive to lead each other to success. This is why we are a big family that God has brought together to share the many happy moments on our life journey.

I will miss every smiling face when I walk down the hall to the next class, every teacher that shares a joke to make us smile, and every positive word that comes out of our mouths. The teachers could never have been better at teaching our education so we can be successful and I strive to help others everyday like they do for us. They have showed us many ways we can be kind to each other and helped us succeed so we can go home to our families with a warming smile on our faces.

Every sport I have played in this school has been an amazing experience of friendship, kindness, and never giving up and I hope I can spread it to the high school where I am going to share what an amazing school I came from and how much of a family we are. I want to finally thank every person that has made me successful in completing my 1st through 8th grade year. I am thanking teachers, peers, family, friends, all staff, and leaders who have truly showed me the ultimate love while I began and now end my journey in this fantastic school. Thank you everyone!



Remington Miller

Paolo Rosales



Hello. Some of you know me well, and some of you don't. Most of you do, since I'm loud, but that's okay. This is making me so sad. I can't believe most of us have been together for so many years, and I won't see most of you guys again. I hope that we don't see this as a bad thing. We should just see this as progress in our lives! I know it might be hard, but it's not like we are going to never see each other again. Well, I mean most of us. Geez, I am really going to miss you guys. I love you guys so much. Please, we need to get together in the future. Let's also not lose touch, okay? I wish you luck in your transition from middle school to high school, and that you keep doing well in high school! To be frank, I feel that I am going to like my middle school years a little more than my high school years, but who knows. I hope that when I'm older and look back to my middle school years, I will be proud of myself. I hope all of you will be proud too. I know that this is what everyone says, but in order to find good friends that are good for you, be yourself. Love you and always will!

David Schenkel

My time at Saint Elizabeth's wasn't even that bad. Yeah sure there were some bumps in the road along the way. I have met some great friends that I hope will be with me lifelong. I'm sad to be leaving because some of my friends are not going to my high school.



Faith Weisenburger

I usually don't write anything other than stories, but I felt like I had to do this. I want people to know how much this school meant to me. It does mean a lot, it really does. I mean there were times it wasn't that fun and sometimes there was drama, drowsiness you know how it can be. That was all normal though and not very memorable. Some things were though. I have been at this school even before starting classes, I mean I remember going to the play room when my parents went into church. I have a lot of memories of church; but most importantly my classmates.

I remember the friends I made, the ones that left the school and the ones I know longer communicate with. I remember them all. They've all left an impact on me. My classmates as well, while not being so close with them they have. I have known the majority since 3rd grade. It'll just be so hard to leave all these memories behind, but it is something we all must do eventually. We all must leave this stuff behind. We might not all like it but it's a part of life. I will miss all the students, friends, and teachers who went to this school and of course, the memories it holds. I hope that I can see some of you again. I wish for your high school years to be as great as these or even better. Farewell and live happily.

First I just want to say thank you because everyone in this school helped me in any way possible. I also want to say that I made a lot of memories here I will remember my middle school days for ever. I want to thank Mrs Brough and Mrs Jump for all the help that they give to me in math and in science and also thank you for never giving up on me. I love you all. Thank you and goodbye Saint Elizabeth. I will miss you.

AJ Vance

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

Preston Ross

My time at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School has come to an end. I just noticed how fast my time here went, from my time with Mrs. Gall in Preschool, to now finishing up 8th grade with Mrs. Brough and Mrs. Jump and now heading into high school. I could never thank my teachers enough and all the knowledge and love they have given me. All the friends that I have made and all the memories I made with them, the crazy field trips and the basketball parties. It will be hard to leave some of those friends behind as we separate and go to different schools but I'm excited to see the new ones that I'll make in high school. I can truly say that going to a Catholic school is sincerely a blessing especially this one, that has helped me prepare for the future. Catholic school brought me closer to God and showed me how important he is. I can't wait for my next steps in life and where it will take. Thank you to all the teachers and staff of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.



Abby Barthold



Ok, wow, I'm actually leaving my elementary school. It's gonna be so weird in high school because we aren't going to have the same people we grew up with.

Saint Elizabeth was an experience I can tell you that. I have had good times and bad times but everything would get better. This school gave me a lot of memories. Saint Elizabeth also made me have strong relationship with God and to come closer with him. For that I am thankful. I have made great friends and have had awesome teachers. I can't believe I'm going into high school. I am thanking Saint Elizabeth for giving me hope. I'm going to miss this place.

I am going to cherish the moments I've had here. Saint Elizabeth is a great school to meet new people and to make friends. Thank you to all the teachers for helping me learn. Most certainly thank you to my friends for being there for me. Hey I got to go I'll see you around Saint Elizabeth.

Connor Reinking



The end of my 8th grade year. I honestly can't believe that it went that fast. I thought it was just yesterday that I was walking into Mrs. Jump's 8th grade homeroom. I have spent my last 9 years at Saint Elizabeth.

The hardest part of leaving will be not seeing all my classmates every day. Some aren't going to Dwenger...but even those who are I know that 1,000 students is a lot more than 50 for one grade.

Aside from my classmates, my teachers and family have been a huge help to me. Whether that be Mrs. Brough explaining a problem to me for the 10th time because I'm overthinking it, or to my family supporting me during wrestling season, I always knew that I had a family wherever I went. I want to give thanks to my friends, for they never left me. Growing up at Saint Elizabeth was a blessing. I could never imagine going to any other school. The support from friends, teachers, and staff is outstanding. I have never had a teacher that wouldn't help me in a time of need. I don't think many other schools could say that.

The one piece of advice that I would give would be that you need to ask questions. Teachers, believe or not, cannot read your mind. However, they can answer your questions and expand your understanding. I wouldn't have wanted any other teachers expanding my knowledge than the teachers at Saint Elizabeth.

Finally, I'm thankful for my family, especially my grandparents. My grandma, Kam, drove all 5 of my cousins, me, and my sister everywhere. She also stood outside almost every day and never complained about it. My grandpa, Ken, was my confirmation sponsor and my guide in faith. Grandpa, I've never seen anyone with more joy than you in my life. You never complain about anything. Also, a huge thanks to my parents who sent me to this amazing school. My mother taught me how to be nice to others, and to keep my manners. My father showed me what sacrifices a Catholic man must make. I want also to thank the rest of my family, my aunt, uncle, and cousins, who have supported me throughout my 13 years of life. I could never wish for a better family at home or at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School.

Hi, I'm Renee. I came to Saint Elizabeth in 4th grade and this is my last year here. I had gone to two different schools before this one, but my family decided to stay here.

I honestly can't wait to leave and go to high school, but my time here hasn't been bad. I've made some great friends and met some cool teachers too. I especially remember sixth grade for some reason, probably because all my friends were in my class. It was fun even though I was a weird kid back then. All



the teachers have been overall pretty funny and helpful. If you're doing bad in their class you can go to them for help. They're kind of strict at the same time so sometimes I get mixed signals, but it's whatever.

I love being in eighth grade and the homeroom teachers are hilarious. As I'm writing this, we haven't gone to Chicago yet which is our eighth grade trip so I'm really excited for that. I'm bringing my camera to take pictures of my friends and the city.

On a different note, I was in the play in fifth grade and was also in it this year. We did "Lion King" in fifth grade and I was grass so that was fun I guess. This year we did "Into the Woods" and I was a cow, which was cool except they had to paint my entire face white with face paint, and it took forever to wash off.

In the end, I think the things I'll remember when I look back on this school experience is having to go to Mass a lot, the random funny things that have happened throughout the years, and my friends. So, this letter was all over the place, but I hope you enjoyed reading it? Also, bye Saint Elizabeth!

Renee Peterson

Charity Weisenburger



So, I have spent over half my life going to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. It seems weird just to leave. Especially because I have been surrounded by the same people for so long. We as 8th graders have experienced so much. A lot of us remember when our school didn't even go up to 8th grade. Those were simpler times with a better playground.

I can look back and some of my best memories are field trips or games at recess. Nothing can replace all the joy I experienced during my school years. I doubt that any 8th graders after us will even compare to how amazing we are. I mean we set the bar pretty high. I will miss it so much. I will miss all the amazing teachers I have had throughout the years. Most of all I will miss all the friends and peers in my grade. If you're reading this, you guys are the best.

Joseph Hill



I still remember the first time I walked into Saint Elizabeth. It was just before fourth grade because my family had moved to Fort Wayne from Auburn that summer. Now it is time for me to end my journey here and continue to high school. Being at Saint Elizabeth's has given me many opportunities to participate in activities that I might not have been able to do anywhere else.

I still remember the fourth-grade trip to Conner Prairie and the All Saints Day Wax Museum, where I dressed up as Saint Gregory the Great. I also remember our fifth-grade trip to Starbase, where we spent a week learning about science and doing experiments.

Some of my best memories at Saint Elizabeth's were made in middle school. This began in sixth grade with our field trip to Indianapolis. I was also inducted into National Junior Honor Society. In seventh grade, I joined the track team and won the poetry contest. I also joined our school's first Academic Superbowl math team, which placed first in our area and seventh in state.

Eighth grade has been the best year yet at Saint E's. We went to Camp Potawatomi in the fall for leadership camp and we helped out at Community Harvest Food Bank. I joined the track team again this year and had a great time with my friends at the school dances. I was on the Academic Superbowl math team again, and this year we placed first in our area and second in state. I was also confirmed this year. I can't wait for our class trip to Chicago and for our graduation and party. I want to thank all the teachers, staff, and my fellow students as well as my parents and family members who have made these five years so great. I want to thank them for teaching me, encouraging me, guiding me, advising me, and helping me on my way. I will remember all of them as I move on to high school. This school has done a great job of educating me and preparing me for high school. I can't wait to go to high school, but I will always remember Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School.

Riley Boxberger



I remember the first time I came to the school. It was the first day of preschool and no one knew anyone. We never thought how close we would all become. Growing up with these people for the past ten years has changed my life. I've made friends and lost friends. These people are like my family. I am so sad to be leaving this school, even though all the indifferences and drama it is like a second home.

At one point this year I was thinking to myself that I couldn't live without all these people but now I am going to have to. I just want to say to all the kids who are going to a different high school then Luers, I will seriously miss you and I hope to stay in touch with you all. All these people have greatly impacted my life. At this school we can be ourselves. Our whole grade is a bunch of weird kids who do weird things. I know all these amazing memories with my friends will last a lifetime.

I appreciate what this school has done for me academically and personally. My greatest advice to all the students is to DO your work. You will regret not doing it later in life. Also, get involved in many school activities and things that you love. I have done basically every sport at our school, theatre, and show choir. I know for sports your team is only your grade, but with theatre and show choir its 5-8th. You get so close to everyone and you become like a small family.

I want to thank, Mrs. Diehm, Mrs. Brough, Mrs. Lehman, Mrs. Yarde, Mrs. Busch, Mrs. Bowman, Miss Gallaway, Miss Slocum, Mrs. Gall, Mr. Ware, Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Tourney, Miss Tomlinson, Ms. Rush, Mrs. Barret, Mrs. Adgalanis, Mrs. Jump, Mrs. Spoltman, Mrs. Trevino, Mr. Slee, and Miss Widner. These past 10 years of my life I have gotten so close to not only the students, but the teachers. In other schools I don't think we would be allowed to joke around with the teachers like we do. Our teachers genuinely care about how we are, and if we're okay. If I hadn't gone to this school, I would not be the person that I am today. I am so close with everyone in my grade. We all have inside jokes together. Like "ITS RAININ IN FLORIDA" and "BIIIRD" and the neighbor that we were going to beat up for Ms. Rush and "distracting" some of our teachers, Kahoot names, Carl Azus, I'm trying to say that these people are my best friends. I love you all so so so very much and you've touched my heart in ways no one else has. Thank you Saint Elizabeth for being here for me. Thank you to all the people here for me. I am a better Catholic and person because of you all. I will never forget any of you.

Olivia Fromm



I remember when I was a tiny 6 year old walking into this school for my first day of 1st grade. I remember looking at the 8th graders and thinking about how tall they were. It terrified me.

The level of education and encouragement at our school. It's like you are part of a whole other family. I'm proud of how much my grade has grown over the past years. Most people don't realize it, but they are going to miss the people so much. We have all grown up together and have so many great memories together that it's hard to think that it's the end. We didn't realize it until this year how fast the end would come, but now that it's here, it's like the past 8 years went by in a flash. We are all going to miss each other even if we don't admit it. That's what family does to you. Saint Elizabeth prepared me well for high school. It gave me a supportive and constructive community that I surround myself with. I've made great friends that I barely beat to lose and I have no idea what I am going to do without. It makes me proud to say that I went to Saint Elizabeth. This place has thought me so much and I'm going to miss being part of the family and supportive community next year! Goodbye, Saint Elizabeth!

Class of 2019



Dear 2019 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School Graduates,

I cannot believe the end of the year is here! This year has flown by so quickly, and it saddens me that the end is here. I look back and reflect on what an AWESOME group you are! Every single one of you has played an important part in making this year so special. Your leadership camp allowed you to shine in so many ways. For service to the community, you helped out on Stewardship Day at Community Harvest Food Bank!

Confirmation was such a special night. I could see the Holy Spirit touching all of you and making you adults in the Church! How proud I am of all of you at the 8th grade Cathedral Mass. I looked at all of you and thought "Well done, faithful servants." We have been so blessed to have you at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, and

I am so proud to be your principal. I know looking into the future we will see great things happening with all of you- doctors, teachers, scientists, athletes.... whatever your vocation path is remember God is with you along the way. Also, remember we are with you too! You are ALWAYS part of the Pioneer family.

Congratulations and many blessings,

Miss Widner
Principal

Dear Class of 2019:

I want to take this time and commend you on your graduation from Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic

School. I want you each to know how proud I am that you have come so far. It has been a joy for me you watch you prepare for what is next and begin a new path on your lifelong journey. I have very fond memories and experiences with you that I will always remember. Thank you for letting me accompany you on your service trip to the Community Harvest Food Bank, filling in as a teacher in many of the class you attended over the years, and I loved spending time as we discussed American History in Mrs. Diehm's class.

You have given the school so many gifts and talents.

We thank you for all of your hard work, time, and dedication to our school. I hope you continue to use these gifts in the future, and I wish you the best in all of our endeavors. As you enter a new part of your life, stay strong in your Catholic faith. You will face many challenges along the way, but I know that you will stay strong and overcome anything as you have experienced the gift of a great Catholic education. As you walk out these doors, it is my prayer that you take your experiences, positive and negative, and turn them into life lessons. I hope your experiences at Saint Elizabeth have made you not only a stronger student, but a stronger person through academic, spiritual, and moral formation. I wish you all the best in whatever lies ahead for you and know that we are always here if you need us!

Blessings,
Mr. Slee

"I had so much fire in me and so many plans." Claude Monet. I've seen many of you in the halls of this school since you were 3 years old! I know at times it feels like you have been here forever, because for you, you have,

you have been here pretty much your whole life. For me, it has been a blink of an eye. I cannot believe the time has come for you all to move on to bigger things. You are definitely ready. You each have a fire in you. A fire to succeed of course and be and do great things, but most importantly, the fire of the Holy Spirit. Keep those roots and don't ever lose that fire. Go out and spread it! We will always be here for you. I will miss each and every one of you. Don't ever doubt your talent. You all have it in many different forms. "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." Pablo Picasso. You will do great things.

Best wishes to all of you.

Mrs. Spoltman

Dear 8th grade,

Wow, the year has gone by faster than I expect it too. I will be weird not seeing your faces in the halls after you have graduated. 9 years of seeing you every day, dang I think I might just miss you! It has been an honor and a joy help you all grow in your faith and learning. You have all blossomed into wonderful young men and women. I also have to admit it's always sad to see the 8th grade move on, but you all have great potential and I know you'll all find your way and accomplish great things wherever you go. Make the most of life's experiences and never forget what you have learned and experienced here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. You all have bright futures ahead of you no matter which path you choose to follow. Work hard and you'll go far. Your all great students and each of you all have a spark that is just starting to ignite, use the tools we have given you and you'll navigate life just fine. Finally, always remember, every adventure requires a first step. Make this next first step to your new adventure a big one. High school will be a great adventure for you all. Enjoy it and make everlasting memories but remember to always be true to you and follow your dreams.

Mrs. Barrett (JB)

Congratulations, 8th graders! Best wishes in all that you do.

Many blessings,
Mrs. Shively

Dear 8th graders,

As the math teacher, I like writing equations and working with numbers, not putting words onto paper. You all know that I am not good with words, I get tongue tied (easily), and I am way too sentimental and I have a sappy heart.

I have truly loved the past three years and there is so much that I will miss about all of you...

These past years truly have been a joy to watch all of you turn from math students into Algebra students and mature as individuals. Every one of you holds beautiful gifts that God has given you. Use your gifts to be strong individuals and leaders. Embrace all that life has to offer you and always challenge yourself to think "outside the box".

I will forever hold you close in my heart and will pray for you often. I offer this small piece of wisdom to you: Right or wrong outcome, always try and try again and learn each time. Don't ever give up! Remember...let go and let God guide you!

God bless you all!

Mrs. Brough



To the Class of 2019,

It has been a pleasure to watch you grow the last three years from apprehensive sixth graders to strong eighth graders. You continue to challenge me with your thoughtful questions and observations in science. I thank you for those experiences.

You were given a quote to see you through your last middle school year.

"Every day we get: A chance to be DiFfeReNt, a chance to change and a chance to be BETTER". How many days were you BETTER? How many days did you change? How many days were you DiFferReNt in a positive way? As you enter high school, take advantage of those days you get these choices. Make a DiFfeReNce, be BETTER than those around you and lead a change in others.

You are all special and I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors! You can change the world to be a BETTER place!

God Bless and Good Wishes!!

Mrs. Jump :)

Looking back to that fateful first day of school in August 2015 never would I have realized how much of an impact you, as 5th graders, would have had on my life. I would not be in the position that I am in today if it had not been for you all back in 5th grade. For that I am eternally grateful for ALL of you and I will miss seeing you ALL in the halls of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Parting is such sweet sorrow but while our journey together is finally at an end after four years together, remember that the journey for you all is not at an end; rather, it is only just beginning!

My advice to you all: When opportunity knocks, answer the door. Rise to the occasion. If you don't hear opportunity knock, build a door. Rise to the occasion. Don't let others build that door for you. Others may try to build a door for you based on their perspective of you. Don't allow yourself to be pigeon holed by others expectations of you. Rise to the occasion. Take initiative. Build your own door.

I wish you all the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

Mr. Ware

Things that you learned in kindergarten that are still true as you begin your high school years:

- 1) Keep your hands to yourself. Enough said.
- 2) It is nice to share. (But not your test answers.)
- 3) Don't cut in line. The seniors will not be pleased.
- 4) Wash your hands before you eat.
- 5) Keep God close to your heart.

Good luck in the future!!

Ms. Brown

Mrs. Widner

Miss Tippmann

Congratulations and good luck to all the awesome 8th graders! We will miss seeing your beautiful faces and big smiles in the halls. Look back fondly on the time that we spent together in 5th grade and remember all of the crazy memories we made! Don't forget the fun we had at BizTown, STARBASE, and Camp Potawatomi! Those memories will last a lifetime. Please come back and visit us. Know that we love you and wish you a bright future ahead! On to high school you go!

Love,

Mrs. Yarde and Mrs. Bowman

Dear Class of 2019,
It has been such a joy helping out with your Literature class this year. You are all very special and have so many wonderful gifts to offer in your new schools next year. Remember to keep the Lord #1 in your life and you will be successful. I wish you all of God's blessings as you start a new chapter in your life.

Mrs. Niezer

Dear 8th grade,
You all have challenged me and kept me on my toes! I know that you will be successful next year and in your years to come. My advice, learn what you can, not just from teachers, but from all the experiences you will encounter. Make sure you get involved, find your niche. You will love this next stage. Embrace it, soak it up, and know that it keeps getting better and better. I'll truely miss all of you... although you all know Andrew will always be my favorite! :)

God Bless!
Mrs. Diehm

Congratulations to the 8th grade class of 2019,
May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you safe from the wickedness and snares of the devil. Remember God loves you and so do all of us at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School.

JMJ
Mrs. Stronczek

Letter to 8th Grade Class of 2019
My dear 8th graders...

It is hard to believe that you are ready for your journey into high school! These past three years have certainly gone by very quickly! I could not be prouder of all your accomplishments during your time here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. Most recently, that of being sealed with the Character of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. What an honor it was to prepare each of you for full initiation into the Catholic faith. As you continue on your academic journey, it is my hope and prayer that all of you aspire to be a Saint! It is very possible if you keep your eye on the prize, which is a desire to be close to God and to please him! Just know that I will continue to offer prayers on your behalf and can never forget all the amazing times we have been able to share together!

Do good, do kind, and be Christ to one another!
Mrs. Senesac

Dear Eighth Grade,
You are that class. I define you as that class for certain reasons: the first sixth grade class I ever taught, the first group of students I have been with for three consecutive years, the class who challenged me in ways I could have never anticipated. Those challenges, and the ways we faced them, not only helped us to grow, but also helped us to form a bond.

I remember when your seventh-grade year came to an end. While I was grateful to be getting a much-needed break, I was also sad that I wouldn't be seeing you each day anymore. I was going to miss you.

This year as I reflect on the quickly approaching end of our time together, I feel a pang of sadness that you won't be here with me next year, but I also feel pride—pride in the group of students you were, are, and will be (did you catch that dash I used??). My experience with you caused me to consider different approaches and to develop ways to encourage you to take risks, all while embracing your diverse personalities. You helped me to become a better teacher. During workshop, we have laughed, learned, and written. You have produced some of the most outstanding and honest writing I have read as a teacher. I encourage you to continue to allow your voice to be expressed in your writing. Always put a piece of you into what you write, especially when the topic choice is not your own.

As you move forward into high school, keep your faith central to everything you do. It will be your greatest friend when you face adversity. Stay true to yourselves. Question your world, and be open to your calling. Rely on the foundation you have received in your time here. And rely on Jesus; He is always walking beside you.

Go Buckeyes,
Mrs. Lehman

*"Be bold, be courageous,
be your best."*