



This will be my final letter of the school year, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who make Bishop Chatard such a great community:

Thank you to an awesome faculty, support staff, and administration. Our building is full of adults who love kids. They show this love by challenging our students to push beyond what they thought was possible, by creating an environment in which students are comfortable being themselves, by holding them accountable, and by being available and willing to do whatever is necessary to help our students be successful. They are people who heard and answered the call, and who buy into a philosophy that says *we'll take students wherever there are and move them forward – academically, socially, and spiritually*. Bishop Chatard is blessed with caring adults who get it. We don't teach Math or Science or English...we teach *children*. Thank you to our entire staff on a job well done!

Thank you to our 700+ young people. Thank you for meeting the challenges placed before you head on and for pushing yourselves beyond what you thought possible. Thank you for understanding (or at least attempting to understand) that our rules are not just arbitrary restrictions - they are attempts to guide young people to a life of honor and integrity. Thank you for getting out of your comfort zone and trying new things and taking advantage of opportunities. Thank you for shining your light and sharing the gifts with which God has so graciously blessed you.

Thank you to our parent community. Thank you for your countless hours of service and for the sacrifice you've made to send your child(ren) to Bishop Chatard. Thank you for holding us accountable to our mission and for *all* of your support. We are just another school without a supportive community behind us. We are not a building; we are people. It takes a village to raise a child and the Bishop Chatard community is an incredible village.

We celebrate the successes of the 2017-2018 school year. We look forward to re-charging our batteries over the summer and returning in August focused on how we can *better* serve our students in 2018-2019.

I am a better person because of the opportunity to serve Bishop Chatard – thank you to *everyone* for that!

Have a safe and peaceful summer. God bless you!