

Messages From...



Mr. John Watson
Principal

A Time to Reflect

For everything there is a season. A time to work, a time to play, a time to learn, a time to reflect. For me I've been reflecting a lot lately on my six years at Niagara District. What a great group of students, teachers, secretaries, custodians, parents, community members; additionally Ms. Eade and Mr. Ross as Vice Principals that I have worked with over those years.

We have done a lot at the school to improve the programs and facilities for our students. Thank you to all the individuals who helped make those changes possible.

I'm extremely proud of our Trojans for their academic, artistic and athletic achievements but as I said in my most recent graduation speech - be prepared for the future. The best way to be prepared is to realize that change is occurring dramatically in the world and as the need arises be willing to change with it. I wish all of our students a successful and rewarding career and hopefully your time at Niagara District has made a positive impact on your life.

Best wishes to all of our graduates this year - may your dreams come true.

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Congratulations to the 2003-2004 Yearbook Committee! The first N.D.S.S. computer generated yearbook was a challenge. However, our two editors Laura and Kaitlin were up to it. The following pages are proof of the commitment and effort they have invested in recording the memories of a fabulous year in the life and times of Niagara District. Thank you so much!

The joint efforts of staff, students, parents and community never ceases to amaze me. The N.D.S.S. community is a powerful force that continues to foster academic excellence, athletic prowess, artistic creativity and talent and public spirit. Your achievements are testimony to the successful attainment of our school goals: to prepare..., to assist..., to help acquire..., to encourage... "Festive Spirits," Sears Drama Festival, "What Moves You," Athletic Council, Arts Council, Student Council, Technological Awards, Scholarships, Apprenticeships, Peer Mediation, Community Ambassadors to name only a few accomplishments. It has been another great year!

To the graduating class of 2004 - As you may know, as Vice Principal it is part of my role in the school to help students get past mistakes and bad choices. A new picture hangs in my office. I think it fits right in and is especially significant to you - our future. The inspirational message reads "The highest courage is to dare to be yourself in the face of adversity. Choosing right over wrong, ethics over convenience, and truth over popularity... these are the choices that measure your life. Travel the path of integrity without looking back, for there is never a wrong time to do the right thing." (Author unknown). Enjoy the journey you choose and best wishes for success in all your future endeavors. Congratulations!



Ms. Barb Eade
Vice Principal

yearbook

editors' message



Kaitlin and Laura... Now



Then

Laura Armstrong, Pippa Barwell, Terri Bates, Justine Bjorgan, Sara Bowman, Amanda Brush, Cayla Christianson, Danielle Collins, Mathilde Danet, Jenna France, Danielle Glatt, Amanda Grimwood, Simone Jensen, Marcella Jones, Kaitlin Lepp, Naomi Long, Katie Mueller, Laura Mueller, Juleitte Orinzetti, Megan Peters, Lisa Schachtschneider, Sabrina Stecyk, Kristen Taylor, Alexandrina Valova, Alex Warren, Amy Watson

This year we took on the task of editing the Niagara District yearbook. We wanted to make our final yearbook the best it's ever been, so we thought we would bring the 2003-2004 yearbook into the 21st century. Hence, we give you our first ever computer generated yearbook. There were many challenges in producing the book in this format, but luckily we had a very supportive team and a lot of help from the staff. Ms. Eade our teacher advisor was always there to help us out, even during her lunch break. Mr. Honsberger took on the all new challenge of installing the yearbook software on the school computers. The secretaries also deserve our thanks; Mrs. MacSween (a.k.a. "The Gatekeeper") and Mrs. Jakob put up with our constant requests, phone messages, deliveries, announcements, etc.

Before this begins to sound like an Oscar acceptance speech, we need to thank the hardworking members of the yearbook committee. Their year-long efforts are reflected in this yearbook. Each of the sub-committees - Advertising, Layout and Photography - worked diligently to meet our deadlines and ensure that everything was completed, no matter what was going on in their own lives. Thanks for your enthusiastic work, it definitely paid off!

The yearbook relies on support from both the school and community. This year, we planned a very successful raffle thanks to the donations of local businesses. A large portion of our revenue also comes from the advertising dollars of local companies. Without their involvement, we would not be able to publish the yearbook. A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed.

We hope you enjoy this yearbook and welcome the new changes we've made. We had fun putting together the memories of this eclectic group of students. Best wishes to all the returning students and good luck to the graduating class of 2004.

Co-Editors Kaitlin Lepp and Laura Mueller

