



# THE SPIRIT

## SAYING GOODBYE



**“Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.”**

**- Dr. Seuss**

The time has come to say farewell to our beloved principal, Bud Tosti. Over the past few months, the SKS faculty, students, parents, alumni and parish community celebrated Bud and his 20 years of dedicated service to SKS. As we prepare for the end of the school year and Bud’s journey at SKS, our hearts are filled with gratitude, love and respect for the man who truly embodies the SKS spirit. SKS is a community built upon deep faith, strong relationships, and love for one another because of Bud’s example. It is with heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation that we bid you farewell, Mr. Tosti. Saying goodbye is never easy, but we smile today at the memories we have shared, and the legacy you leave behind!



Your guidance and genuine investment not only towards Alex, but for the entire family has been an irreplaceable blessing. Thank you doesn't begin to describe our gratitude. Enjoy your retirement. you've earned it!!

- **The Flowers Family**

Bud, you are the BEST!

- **Tom Riley**

"Just be There"- You have been there with us through the most difficult of life situations. Proud to call you a friend.

-**The Mittman Family**

Bud- Thank you for being the compass. Your direction and leadership have made this school a family with love and light in abundance! Best wishes and congratulations!

- **The Quisenberry Family - Chrissy, Eric, Maeve, Thomas and Mimi**

Thank you for giving me back my love for teaching and providing a second home for me and my kids over the past 16 years. You've made our school a special place and I'm forever grateful.

- **Jackie Sevag**

Mr. Tosti, Thank you for everything! You will be missed!

- **The Gradys**

Mr. Tosti! THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for being on this journey of loving and teaching our children these past 9 years. We will miss you terribly. "What would Mr. Tosti say?" will live on.

- **Driscoll Family- Adam, Jen, Ben, Finn & Lochlyn**

Thank you Mr. Tosti for being the hardest working and most dedicated principal around! You have made St. Katharine's one of the best schools around for kids and families!

- **Nick, Carolyn, Nicholas and Peter Masciantonio**

Bud, thank you for all you have given to the SKS community and our children. You are selfless, kind, patient, and an all around great guy. You will be missed! Enjoy your well earned retirement.

- **Galczenski Family**

Thank you for everything, Bud! You're the BEST!

- **The Rideouts**

The footprint you are leaving behind in these halls are irreplaceable. Your voice and energy will be sorely missed. Thank you for helping give our girls an amazing foundation in life!

- **The LoPiccolos (Claire '22 and Lottie '25)**

May you continue to share your vast experience and mentoring to others. Happy retirement!

- **The Laroque's**





Best of luck to you Mr. Tosti!! The Bruder family is sad to see you go and thanks you for all your years of leadership and service! We will miss you for sure!!

**- Bruder Family**

SKS will never be the same! We will miss you so much and cannot thank you enough for all you have done for SKS!!!

**- Hartz - Cameron Hartz - 2024**

Bud - you lead with heart, perserverance, humanity, and authenticity. We all learned so much from your spirit, energy, and love for our kids and our families...Much Love,

**- The Maddens: Peter, Celeste, Gavin & Bianca**

Dear Bud, Thank you for the opportunities, the love, and the support that you gave to me and my family over the years. You will always hold a special place in our hearts and we hope to stay in touch for a very long time. Love always, Alexa Stefan & Family

**- Alexa Stefan & Family**

Thank you for everything you've done to make our family's experience at SKS meaningful! Best wishes for your retirement!

**- The Groseclose Family**

We are forever grateful for our time with you at SKS. You were the reason we chose this school and are so thankful we did. Your support for our boys and our family during our team of need leaves a special place in our heart for you.

**- The Walkers - Neil, Marissa, Mitchell and Bruce**

Thanks for everything you do, and I mean everything. You bring a 360 degree view to all you do and advise. You make it seem natural but I'm sure you put in a lot of hard work to get to this point over the years. I'll always remember a Pablo Picasso story. Someone saw him in a cafe and asked him to draw a picture and the guy will buy it. Picasso took about 3 minutes and then quoted an astronomical price. The guy said that it was 3 minutes of work, how can it be that much. Picasso replied, it didn't take 3 minutes, it took a lifetime to do that for you. We are benefiting from your lifetime.

**- Sean Gallagher**

Thank you for the best year ever!

**- Shayna Prior (2nd Grade) & Whitney Prior (Kindergarten)**

You're simply the best Mr. Tosti! We appreciate all you have done for SKS! Now go relax :)

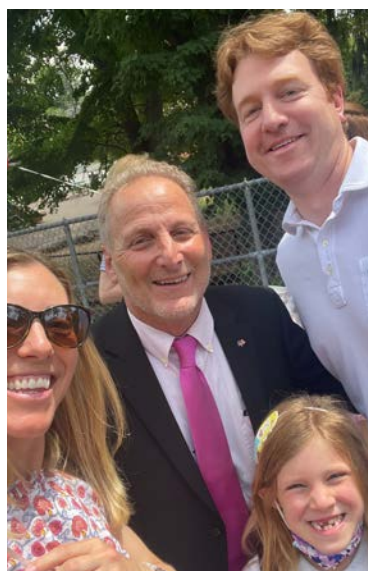
**-The Gompers Family**

Thank you for everything you have done for SKS over the years! We will miss you!!

**- Adelyn Whelan (1st grade)**









The end of an era! Thank you for being a steadfast mentor to both students and parents. You make us all want to be a better version of ourselves. We are so lucky to have had these years with you. Best wishes!

**- The Bryan Family**

"The connections we make in the course of a life - maybe that's what heaven is." - Fred Rogers Mr. Tosti, thanks for connecting with each of us, and for connecting us with each other.

**- Sophie, Lucy, Nick and Chrissy Anderson**

Dear Bud, Thank you for all of your years of dedication to Saint Katharine's and to Catholic education! You made the school a wonderful place, thank you for educating four of our children. Enjoy your retirement, you deserve it!

**- Barbara and Tom, Penelope, John, Vincent and Rex Riley**

Our family is so fortunate and grateful for the two years we had you as Marie's Principal. I will miss seeing you in carpool line! We wish you the best on this next chapter!

**- The Grimmig Family, Marie- 1st Grade**

Bye Mr. Tosti! Everyone at SKS loves you and will miss you.

**- Will Dhavale (2024) and The Dhavale Family**

It's hard to put into words what you mean to our family. We are forever grateful for your friendship, leadership, coaching, faith and love you have provided our family and SKS community.

**- The DiTommaso Family**

Thank you for helping us be the confident students you knew we could be!

**- Katy '13 Megan '16 Lucy '18 and Grace '23 Curry**

A leader, a role model, an educator, a coach, a motivator and most importantly a friend for life. We love you and could not be happier for you and the family.

**- The Piazzas**

Bud, thank you for your incredible dedication, leadership, love and support of our school for so many years. We appreciate the guidance you provide and the role model you are for our children. We also appreciate the friendship, support and kindness you have shown our son! It had meant so much to Justin and our whole family!

**- Chris, Dawn, Justin and Isabelle Ryan**

Mr. T. - You are one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Thank you for all you have done for our family and SKS!

**- The Milners (Camy - 2024; Harper - 2027)**

Thank you Mr. Tosti! Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement! We will miss you!

**- The McLaughlin Family**

What a gift you have given us all and to countless more on the way! You have shown the Archdiocese of Philadelphia how choosing love through meaningful inclusion transforms lives. So grateful! Thank you!

**- Dan, Susan, AJ, Jimmy, Cecile, John Paul (2017), Michael (2022), and Sophia Schuller**

Attitude reflects leadership—and we have a happy girl in a happy school. Thanks for your leadership!

**- The Staves Family —Julianna, Grade 2**

You led the SKS community with such kindness and grace. We will always be thankful for your hugs and support for Lucia and Andrew. All the best in retirement!

**- Billings Family (Andrew 4th grade, Lucia 1st grade)**

You are the best principal ever!

**- Mac Dwyer 1st grade**

Thank you for the life lessons, unwavering support & traffic directing.

**- Tom, Marcella & Sofia Russo**

Mr. Tosti, Thank you for being a great role model for Mick and Liv - they have learned a lot from you in a short time! We will all miss you so much! Big hugs and best wishes.

**- The Parella Family**

Bud - you have been a fantastic leader for SKS and I am grateful for all that you have done to support our kids. Many thanks for your countless hours of dedication! Wish you all the best in retirement.

**- The DJamoos Family**

Mr Tosti thank you for your hard work, dedication and commitment over the years. SKS is a wonderful place because you are a part of it.

**- The Shevlin Family**

Thank you for your support, understanding and acceptance since we first arrived in 1st grade. Roman has come a long way and we have SKS to thank. Your generosity will not be forgotten.

- **Roman Heigh 3rd**

Bud!!! So grateful for what you not only teach our children, but US as well!!! Thank you for the guidance that you have given to each member of our family!!!

- **The Goggin Family**

You're a great principal. I wish you could stay. Enjoy your retirement!

- **James Weeks (2nd grade)**

Bravo Mr. Tosti!!! You have made SKS such a special place. I hope you have many Cape May beach ahead of you!

- **Billy, Noelle, Billy (4th), Ben (2nd) & Francie (incoming K) Hagan**

We will miss you so much Mr. Tosti! Thank you for everything you have done for SKS. Wishing you the best in your retirement!!

- **Chase, Caroline, Phil & Christina Fogli**

Dear Bud - Wishing you lots of peace and relaxation over the next several years! With Love,

- **The Benedetto Family**

Mr. Tosti, Thank you for all you have done our family and school. We will miss you!!!!

- **Olivia Davis**

Thanks for being the best, Bud!

- **The Pierce Family**

The Fuller Family thanks Bud Tosti for being an amazing principal and a good friend. We will all miss him but Libby or Libs has he called her will miss him the most! Enjoy retirement and the peace and quiet that goes with it.

- **The Fuller Family -Libby Fuller 4th grade.**

Mr. Tosti, thank you for being such a wonderful principal and leader for our school community. Your decades of commitment to Catholic education is truly inspirational! We will miss you!

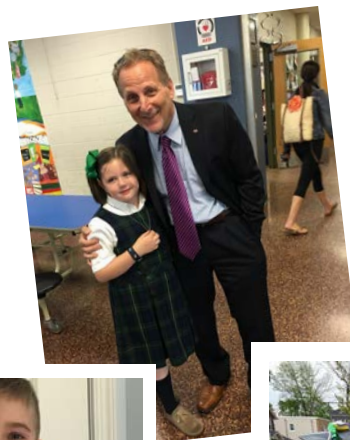
- **The Muntz Family**

Thank you Mr T! You are the best!

- **Gabe Nimczuk (grade 5) and Family**

Over the past years, your inspirational leadership has helped shaped student's education at SKS. Your guidance has created an environment in which students, parents, and teachers have been able to succeed. It is with sadness that we have to say goodbye. But we are very happy for you as you will be able to enjoy your wonderful retirement. When we joined SKS 10 years ago, we immediately noticed your active participation in continuing to create a great learning environment with an emphasis on nurturing well-rounded, and well-grounded students. You have been present at sporting events cheering on our teams, at family celebrations and in times of sorrow. We will also miss seeing your smile during the pick-up carline. Thank you for your hands-on leadership and wisdom. We wish you the best as you retire. You will stay in our hearts.

- **The Bugler Family**





Congratulations on your retirement!

- **The Reeder Family**

Connor Hayes (Class of 2021) pops in to say hello having gained a few inches in the year since graduating from SKS.

- **Connor Hayes, Class of 2021**

Thank you Mr. Tosti! We will miss you!

- **Brendan, Annie & Ruthie Slattery - Kindergarten**

We love your Mr T! Thank you for your unwavering love, dedication and confidence in our children, the faculty and our parish. The smiles you bring to our children's faces is invaluable. Our family and our extended family has had the pleasure of learning from you for decades ... you have left a permanent mark on our hearts!

- **The DeLisi (and Cassidy) Crew, especially Emilia, Annette and Evelyn**

Thank you so much for being our principal Mr. Tosti!!! We greatly appreciate you!!!

- **Brennan Family- Bella Brennan:5th Grade  
Charlie Brennan: 3rd Grade Grace Brennan:1st Grade**

Mr. Tosti, thank you! Thank you for everything! I have enjoyed the last two years with you, so very much. Enjoy retirement!

- **Drew Hellberg**

Mr. Tosti. Thank you for SKS. For all you've given and done to make the school a wonderful, welcoming, loving place. We are very grateful for YOU!

- **Lee & Wes Johnson**

Words cannot express our love and gratitude for all of the years of support you have given our family and girls through their education at Saint Katharine's. Whatever comes next for you, may it bring you the same joy and fulfillment as you brought us! Congratulations!

- **Elena, Audrey, Carolyn & Darin D'Ascanio**

Thank you for being the best principal for our 1st year at SKS! You made us feel a part of the SKS community since day 1. We will miss seeing you at school!

- **The Faralli Family (Julian, Kindergarten)**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! You are the best!

- **The Seeger Family, Maeve-2020, Maura-2022, Fiona-2024**

Dear Bud, Congratulations on your retirement! Thank you for everything you've done for our family over the last 9 years at SKS and even before at Malvern Prep! SKS will always miss you. We wish you all the best in this next chapter. Cheers to a happy and healthy retirement! Sincerely,

- **The Kendall Family**

Dear Bud, You have been a true blessing to the entire SKS Community and will be missed... BUT, your unflinching dedication, "TLC," and leadership will forever be REMEMBERED! THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS! Love,

- **The Walkenhorsts**



Thank you Mr. Tosti! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement. We will miss you!

- **The Botzler Family**

Best Kindergarten year ever! Thank you for everything. The Ercole Family will miss you!

- **Charley Ercole & Family**

Bud, you make SKS not just an outstanding school, but an amazing community. You lead with such a gentle kindness that everyone feels from drop off to pick up EVERY day and beyond. Words cannot express our admiration and gratitude. the same!

- **Fugaro family (Jake - K; Teddy - 4th)**

When I run into truly special people in my life, that I want to example, I have a personal hall of fame...

Bud Tosti is at the top of the list. Well earned retirement my dear friend. Looking forward to what's next for you. God bless you!

- **The Evans Family**

Thank you Mr Tosti and you are simply irreplaceable. You are not just an educator, you are a leader, positive influencer, and family. Congratulations on your very well-deserved retirement.

- **Sincavage Family**

Congratulations on your retirement Bud. Enjoy your well deserved time!

- **From the Dalton Family- Mason class of 2028**

We love you, Bud! Thank you for leading with strength, grace and humility every day and for always making our kids feel safe and supported!

- **The Cunningham Family - Patrick, Kristen, Laursen and Fitz**

Bud... I certainly hope it goes without saying, that this family adores you! Thank you! We'll meet you in the Wildwoods.

- **The Griesser Family**

We are forever grateful for the immense impact you've had on our family and for your tough love and kind heart. You are a North Star of goodness for the Buckley fam and we are all better humans because of YOU!

- **The Buckley Family**

Thank you Mr. Tosti you will always be a legend in our eyes!

- **The Sweeney Family. Carter and Nolan!**

Thank you to the BEST Principal ever! We will miss you! Enjoy retirement, you deserve it!

- **Smith Family (Dylan, Colin and Jack)**

Thank you to the BEST principal! We love you and will miss seeing your smiling face every day! Thanks for making SKS the school it is today. Enjoy the next chapter! Xoxo

- **The Aglira Family**

Mr. Tosti, You gave 100% of yourself everyday to SKS. We hope you look back, smile and know what a difference you made. We will miss you dearly. Enjoy retirement!

- **The Thompson Family - Liv (3rd grade), Margaret (1st grade)**

They say it takes a village and we are sure happy you have been part of ours! Thank you for your friendship, encouragement, and guidance. You will always hold a special place in our hearts!

- **The Pachioli Family**

Mr. Tosti, I love you! You were the best principal ever!

- **Lucia Parisi (Kindergarten)**

Bud - the impact you have had on our family over the last 11 years will last a lifetime. We cannot thank you enough.

- **Bobby, Tara, Troy and Alexa Clark**

Bud, Thanks for everything you have done for the SKS community. You are an inspirational leader! You will be missed.

- **The Hnat Family**

Thank you for ALL you have done for the Brogan Family. We will miss you!!! Enjoy your retirement!

- **Dan, Katie, Bridget ('23), Patrice ('25) and Colleen ('27)**

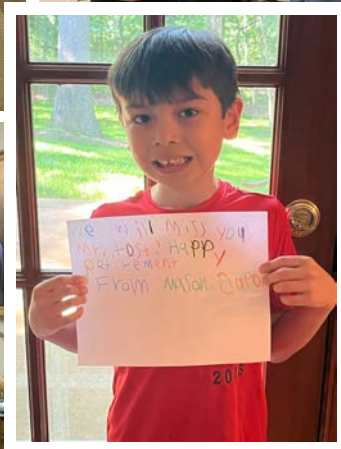
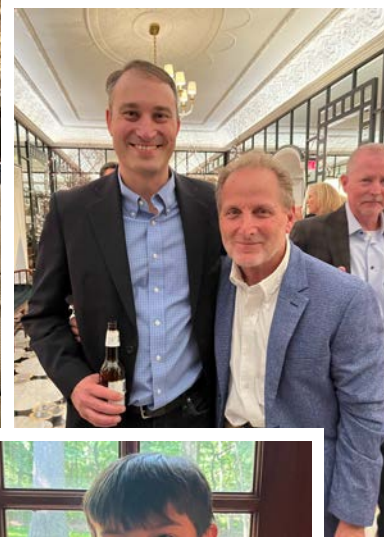
Dear Bud, thanks for the friendship and for being there for the MacVeighs. You've helped us in so many ways and will never be forgotten. You're one in a million.

- **The MacVeigh Family**

Congratulations on your retirement Mr. Tosti! We greatly appreciate your guidance and support through the years. From Malvern to SKS, you have been a trusted advisor, teacher, and friend. Best of luck in the future. Here's to good health and happiness!

- **The Katona Family**







# A MUSICAL GOODBYE FOR MR. TOSTI!

In May, SKS students gathered in the church for the summer reading book reveal. Each class wore a different color t-shirt, creating the impression of a colorful rainbow during the assembly. After the announcements, Buddy the Wildcat made a special appearance and led the school in dancing and singing "Celebration" by Kool & The Gang. While students excitedly welcomed the news of their summer reading books, their biggest joy was the big surprise they planned for Mr. Tosti. Classes performed songs they wrote for Mr. Tosti. Creatively, classes changed the lyrics of each song to personalize them to Mr. Tosti, singing a playlist dedicated to their beloved principal. These performances and the smiles on student's faces left no doubt that Mr. Tosti made a huge positive impact during his time at SKS. A special thank you to the faculty that made this musical goodbye possible!



Check out the musical surprise by scanning the QR code or visiting: [www.sksschool.org/goodbyebud](http://www.sksschool.org/goodbyebud)





# CHEERS TO BUD!

On June 3rd, the school community gathered under the stars to say goodbye to Bud. The event, hosted by Home and School, featured delicious food, great entertainment, and a fun cornhole tournament in which the winners faced off against the beloved team of Bud and Katie Tosti. A fun time was had by all!



# SKS

**St. Katharine of Siena School**



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