

Goeden Gives Courage, Faith & Love

Mrs. Jane Goeden was all smiles when she was presented with Sacred Heart School's Jean Hunhoff Courage, Faith and Love Award. The faculty, staff, parents, and the whole student body smiled with her on this prestigious honor.

This SHS family, as Goeden refers to her colleagues and students, has shared many smiles with her through the chapters of her life. Those smiling faces encouraged her along, on a daily basis over the past few years. They observed the way Goeden has courageously faced life's challenges with surgeries, hospitalizations and a great deal of pain. They have been inspired as they witness her faith in action each school day. They have been the recipients of her seemingly never-ending love and acceptance, which is extended to everyone she encounters.

Yet, smiles surround Goeden. She has a consistently cheerful disposition. Her motto is, "Don't worry. Be happy!" And she decorates her work area with smiley faces.

"I started the smile decorations when I began teaching at SHS... I was so excited to begin work at SHS. I wanted to remind the students to, 'Smile, God loves you!' Now, I must have 40 different things with the smiley design. I have flags, pillows, stickers, posters, chairs, vases, a coffeepot and cups and more," explained Goeden.

The bright and sunny, yellow-colored, smiley designs reflect Goeden's approach to life, which is the reason for her recognition.

"I worked with Jean Hunhoff at Sacred Heart Elementary School," said Mrs. Goeden. "She was quite an inspiration to me. She was a very loving woman."

The award is presented annually to one deserving person who serves SHS, modeling the magnificence of the award's namesake. The late Jean (Mrs. Richard) Hunhoff (1946 - 2003) lived her faith as she courageously faced terminal illness. Jean Hunhoff demonstrated her love of learning as the SHS Librarian, the role Goeden



Jane Goeden was honored recently with the Jean Hunhoff Courage, Faith and Love Award, given by Sacred Heart School.

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Cindy Vyborny, a SHS parent, submitted the nomination for the award, citing Goeden's love for God, family, friends, students and peers.

In the nomination submitted for Goeden, Vyborny stated, "Jane Goeden puts herself into God's hands, and accepts what she is given, just like Jean Hunhoff. I had the pleasure of knowing Jean and I have been given the opportunity to know Jane Goeden and

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