

Hi.

I'm Molly Beck, and I am an eighth grader at Holy Family School. Last week, my teacher said she had an "opportunity" for me. That usually means some kind of homework!!! Not this time!---- She told me that I was going to represent my school as well as the other 7 CISE schools in thanking you for what you have just accomplished; to somehow let you know what it means to me and all of the CISE students.

Well, as I see it, you have made an investment in the future, and not just ours! Yours, too! Recently, our eighth graders asked every student what he/she would like to be when they grow up.

The results should put you at ease:

The medical profession will be covered! We are training 15 doctors, including 1 cardiologist; 1 baby doctor, complete with 1 babysitter!; and 2 pediatricians. We have 2 nurses, one dentist, and 3 pharmacists.

Members of the animal world have nothing to fear! Twelve of us plan to be veterinarians, and we have 2 zoologists, a horse trainer, 1 pet shop owner, and one student will work for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

We will be safe, too! We will have 9 police officers, 6 firefighters, an ambulance driver, a forensic scientist, and 1 secret agent.

If you ever need one, you could choose from our 4 lawyers, and we even have a judge.

Four soldiers and one Navy Seal will serve our country.

Our 2 astronauts may rely on our student who wants to make airplanes, as well as the one who plans to work for the airlines.

The entertainment industry will have 5 singers and dancers, a rock star, a super star, one song writer, 4 actors, a guitar player, AND someone to repair our TV's!!!

We have the sports' arena well-stocked, too. We will see 2 Olympic swimmers, 4 basketball players, 3 baseball players, 2 pro football players, a professional golfer, one bike rider, and one racecar driver (who will be happy to know we also have 2 mechanics!!).

One student wants to own a sports' shop, and another plans to be a game maker/ tester.

We will have nice places to live because we have a construction worker and an interior designer.

Our four models will be glad to have the services of our cosmetologist, our hair stylist, and a fashion designer.

We will eat well, too, thanks to our future chef, and a baker. And ... do you like service? Our two waiters will take good care of you.

In the research field, we have 3 scientists, one paleontologist, and 2 archeologists.

We have one writer and one journalist to keep a supply of good books on our shelves and to keep us in touch with news from around the globe.

Our future banker will be glad to know we are training one entrepreneur, an inventor, and a warehouse manager.

One student wants to be his best, like Martin Luther King , Jr.; and a first grader hopes to be Hannah Montana when she grows up.

Two students are out to get the jobs of our principal, Sister Brenda, and our pastor, Father Jim! One kindergartner wants to be a principal, and one first grader wants to be a priest.

So there you have it. Remember, Holy Family is just ONE of the CISE schools. In all, there are 1,350 of us in training at this time, and thanks to you, our dreams for our futures are truly possible. We realize that the ball is in OUR court now. WE are the ones who need to work hard, develop our talents, and become the leaders of the future.

If you would ever like to meet some of these students you are helping, I invite you to come to Holy Family. Almost immediately, you will feel one of the things I most like about our school- the small school, close, friendly atmosphere. It is a safe place, a clean place, a respectful place, and, above all, a God-centered place. We know that with God's help we can do just about anything.

One thing our teachers stress with us is "To whom much is given, much is expected." We need to give back when it is our turn. As I look around this room tonight, I am imagining that in about 20 years, your chairs will be filled by me and other CISE graduates. In the name of all CISE students, I say a very heartfelt thank you, thank you... so, so much!