



February 4, 2019

Dear Residents:

When “ole man winter” decided to make his presents known, he certainly did so with great vengeance! The snow, wind and brutal temperatures really tested our internal fortitude, but we survived. As always, many thanks to our DPW for their efforts to keep our streets as clear as possible even when the conditions present difficult challenges. Thank you to Steve and Alex for all you do to keep us safe and mobile during the winter storms.

These severe winter conditions also bring out something that I see in our Village often and it always warms my heart. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve witnessed a neighbor helping a neighbor in our community. When winter rolls around it is often with a snow-blower or shovel in hand. But I see it various ways throughout the entire year. What a nice feeling it is to not only know your neighbors, but to truly care enough about them to lend a hand when needed. Those actions do not go unappreciated or unnoticed. Thank you to everyone who goes out of their way to be a good neighbor.

Congratulations to the St. Mary’s Dinner Raffle on the 20th anniversary of this great event and for surpassing the \$1,000,000 mark in revenue generated for St. Mary’s School. This is just another awesome example of the generosity we have here in our community.

I hope you had a chance to see the article on the PW “sports dynasty” written by Eric Lacy of the Lansing State Journal. Although the article dealt with the many athletic accomplishments of the PW sports teams and the community support they receive, it also spoke to the superior academic accomplishments and overall quality of the school system. The philosophy of our local school system was summed up wonderfully in the article by Christie Spitzley of Pewamo who said “You have your faith, you have your family, you have your school and then you have your sports.” That should make everyone in our communities feel very proud.

I would also like to acknowledge PW boys basketball coach Luke Pohl on his 400th career victory. That is a remarkable accomplishment. Congratulation Coach Pohl!

Hopefully this last winter blitz of snow and cold weather will be the worst we will have to deal with this year. Stay warm and be safe!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia