

PATRICIA MENARD

World Language Director, Dr. Martine Fisher wrote that:

“In her 23rd year in our district, Patricia - Pat - Menard is finishing her career teaching French and Latin at the High School, online. As she demonstrated during her tenure in the Milton Schools and in her life at large, Pat is a consummate professional who has shown -- time after time -- a remarkable ability to adapt to new and often challenging situations with grace, resourcefulness, generosity and efficiency.

Pat is an unassuming and understated professional whose rich background and personal interests may surprise and impress many of you. Her love for languages and education has been, from the start, at the heart of her long and diversified career.

Pat came to the Milton Public schools after having created the Latin Program of the Dover-Sherborn High School, where she taught for 4 years. She came to our district in 1997 with the ability to teach Latin but also French at all levels. Her high proficiency in both languages made her immediately an exceptional asset to the High School World Language department as she could teach, from one year to the next, any Latin, French Immersion or French non-immersion classes, including, at times, mixed level classes. This versatility and the graciousness with which she always unconditionally accepted these ever-changing schedules quickly contributed to her sterling reputation. The phrase “*Pat can do it,*” was quickly coined and often repeated.

These are the words that come up again and again when her colleagues are asked about Pat: *kind, dedicated, hard working, knowledgeable, cultured, a Renaissance woman, flexible, easy-going, always ready to help, witty, fun, brave, determined, independent thinker, a good listener, a team player, a generous colleague, a friend.* One of her co-workers commented, “*Pat has always been one of the most giving of colleagues.*”

Thank you, Pat, for your dedication, generosity and multiple talents. You will be missed by all at the High School and particularly dearly by your friends from the World Language Department.

Gratias vobis agimus! Bona Fortuna et cura ut valeas!"
We thank you! Best of Luck and take care that you are well!

Milton High School's Principal James Jette wrote: "Pat is Milton High School's Double Threat! She served as both, a Latin teacher and French Teacher and excelled in both content areas. To be in this profession for so many years, Pat still finds the joy in it. No matter the morning, afternoon or late night events, when you ask Pat how things are going, she gives you her patented response by saying, "I'm living the dream".

Now that I think about it, when you work in education, it is a dream job knowing that you have the ability to positively impact each student's future and their sentiments about education and more specifically her content area. In addition to her teaching, she serves as the co-adviser for the National Honor Society, Sophomore Class Adviser and more recently, she took on the sole responsibility to be the reader/editor of Milton High School's NEASC Self Reflection report. This only happened because of the respect and trust that the faculty and staff had in her ability to get the job done."

Pat, from all of us, thank you for spending your career in the Milton Public Schools. We will be forever grateful for the impact you have made on the lives of your students and peers.