

STEPHEN TART

Mr. Tart began his career in the Milton Public Schools in 1988 as a substitute teacher. At that time he taught English at Milton High and then at Pierce Middle School before returning to Milton High School where he established his outstanding career.

Upon his hiring in 1988, Dr. Frank Guiliano stated that "...he would add a great deal to our present staff. Really bright, warm person. He would do well with our students." No one could ever imagine how true that would become over the years as many parents/guardians and students would attest.

Superintendent Gormley stated that Steve Tart has served the Milton Public Schools, especially Milton High School's students as a legendary English teacher.

I know that none of us are supposed to have favorites, but I have to admit that I have had a favorite teacher since serving as Milton Public Schools' Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent and that teacher/educator would be Mr. Tart.

One of Mr. Tart's many gifts is his ability to relate to each and every student he teaches. Steve is gifted in instilling his love of literature in the students fortunate to be assigned to his classes. A class of over twenty students could be found every morning, Monday through Friday all during the school year, lined up as of 6 am outside Mr. Tart's classroom waiting for him to arrive at school from Rhode Island requesting his tutoring, advice and counsel or just wanting to "to do" their homework in his classroom and in his presence.

I admire Steve Tart's honesty, professionalism and willingness to always stand up and "speak loudly" for what is right and just.

There is only one "Mr. Tart" and Milton High School's students and I have been fortunate to know and learn from him. I wish Steve and his

son years of health and happiness as they "surf" the waters of this world listening to the music from Steve's famous "record" collection.

Principal James Jette describes Mr. Steve Tart as unique in his own way. He is an excellent teacher who goes above and beyond to develop positive relationship with his students. The impact that he has on his students in and outside of his classroom is everlasting. Former students from several years back still find their way back to his classroom to talk about their experience in high school or college. Moreover, Mr. Tart keeps a collage of pictures and he too remembers their names.

Principal Jette further stated that Mr. Tart is caring and very passionate about the profession of teaching. I enjoyed the many classroom visits where Mr. Tart would include me into the discussions or debates. It was always enlightening and fun. Mr. Tart is definitely a teacher that I will miss working with and I hope that he comes back to visit.

Mr. Tart, from all of us in the Milton Public Schools, thank you for your dedication and for sharing your love of knowledge and teaching with us. We wish you only the best.