

Happy New Year from the DeRocher Family!

Dear Friends, January 1st, 2018

Mandy and I want to wish you a happy new year and let you know how much we appreciate you. We just returned from a visit to my mom's house in Ocean City, NJ. Interestingly, they were experiencing record low temperatures during our visit. In the midst of it all, we got to spend a much needed break as a family, and take time to reflect on all the great events of 2017. Also, we celebrated our 16th wedding anniversary on December 28. Mandy and I are in awe of the beautiful life that God has given us. Although we have experienced challenges, we have seen God's grace through it all. In this update, we wanted to highlight our fun kiddos.

David Neil turned 15 in December and is well over 6 feet tall! He loves faith, family and football. DN is learning life lessons at a rapid speed and how to balance it all at a local private high school.

Olivia is 13 and stands the exact same height as Mandy at almost 5'8". Can you believe it? She is passionate about her faith, her family, her friends, school and volleyball. Everyday she displays God's love to us in words and actions. Her name means "peace" and it fits her so well.

Shelby is about to turn 12 and is our most petite at 4'10". However, her love, zeal and passion for life makes her stand tall everywhere she goes. She is doing great on the volleyball court and in school. Shelby keeps me on my toes because she constantly wants to pass the volleyball with me and I love every minute of it.

Sam is 9 years old and wins hearts everywhere. He has a unique way and wit about him. He is perhaps our most entertaining child. Sam loves to make us all laugh and everyday seems to have a funny comment which always



lightens the mood and brings balance to our busy family. He's doing great in school and playing football with his brother.

It's amazing how quickly our kids are growing and the fast pace of our life. We are so grateful for these moments to pause and reflect. We hope that you have also had times like these during the holidays. You are a huge part of our great adventure and we rejoice every time we remember you in our prayers. May God bless you mightily in 2018!

Much love from Dave and Mandy