

Dear St. Joseph Catholic Community,

The St. Joe's School Board wishes to extend a warm season greetings to all! Our current board was created back in April 2020. We are a working board currently comprised of nine former /current parents and community leaders who share a passion for and commitment to a St. Joseph's Catholic education. Our board meets bi-monthly and members serve as sub-committee chairs in enrollment, development, finance and facilities. Our clearly defined board and committee goals assist Mr. Richards in helping our school move forward in areas such as student retention, recruitment, facilities, financial aid, and overall fiscal health. Let us re-introduce your school board.

Enrollment | Committee Chair: Jill Flood



Jill works in partnership with the Director of Enrollment Management and Marketing. Her committee meets monthly and is composed of a group of creative and involved current parents. Their activities and initiatives focus on both recruitment of new students and retention of existing students. Jill and her team have dedicated a tremendous amount of time expanding our visibility in Waconia and in our neighboring communities of St. Bonifacius, Watertown, Cologne, Victoria and Norwood Young America through events like donut Sunday at parishes where our school was given opportunities to speak during Mass, open houses at Guardian Angels Catholic School in Chaska, participating in the Carver County Fair, the Teddy Bear Band in the park, the St. Joe's Fun Fest, distributing yard signs, coordinating mass postcard mail-outs and implementing our "Fill the Bus" initiative to name a few. They are also actively involved in the Shepherd Family program that welcomes new students and their families as well as coordinating fun events at the school like last year's Christmas drive-by and our Easter egg drop-off.

Development | Committee Co-Chairs: Tom Battis & Jeff Kaczrowski



Tom and Jeff work in partnership with our new Director of Advancement, John Bannigan, to build areas of sustainable growth for our school through key school events such as our annual golf tournament and gala. Additionally, a focus has been placed on building relationships and growing a strong database of financial support from donors such as alumni, parents and other stakeholders who believe in the mission of our school. With the help of technology, advertising, mailouts, our annual giving program and catalog, community building and fundraising events, our goals were reached and even surpassed for the 2020/21 fiscal year.

Finance | Committee Chair: To Be Filled

Our finance chair works in partnership with the principal and school business administrator with input from the priest and the parish finance committee to develop an annual school and operational budget. They monitor revenue and expenses and develop an annual operating budget for board approval. Like our other committees, finance is composed of current and former parents who are knowledgeable in financial matters, to advance the needs of the school. They discuss funding mechanisms, both short term and long term. They make decisions on how best to use funds and credits received through PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) and ERC (Employee Retention Credit). We wish to thank Mark McMullen for sharing his wisdom, time, and talent on our board as finance chair over the last two years. We are still in the process of trying to fill his big shoes.

Facilities | Committee Chair: Chuck Palm & Logan Haskins



Chuck and Logan along with their committee develop, in conjunction with the principal, a master plan for the school's building and grounds. The facilities committee also creates and recommends school community safety plan and policy. The committee is currently working on a master plan to address facility needs. They determine the most pressing needs as well as future needs and

goals. They establish funding plans and work to secure grants for projects. Most recently, countertops in all the bathrooms at the school were replaced this summer. Logan is new to the school board and is excited to be serving families of this wholesome, close-knit environment.

We are always searching for people who strongly support the mission of our school to serve on our committees. If you are interested in learning more about what we do or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We wish you a blessed Advent Season and a very Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
SJ Board Executive Committee



Kerry Stukenborg, Chair Peg Philp, Vice Chair Danielle Hedlof