

Dear SMCS Parents and Guardians,

I want to take this opportunity to remind all of you to send in your nomination forms for School Advisory Committee (SAC), and take a few minutes of your time to familiarize you with some of the work that SAC does during the year.

We are very fortunate at St. Mary's to have so many parents who volunteer each day. So many of us contribute in so many ways (from lunch duty, to making copies or coaching a team, to baking goodies for special events). As a working mother, I have found participation on SAC an opportunity for me to contribute to the school. The SAC meetings and many of the committee meetings are held during the evening hours, and many of the responsibilities or assignments can be managed on your own time. For those of you who are unavailable during the school day, or have a special interest or expertise in the work that SAC does, I encourage you to consider participation on SAC.

There are many opportunities for you to share your time, experience, talent or special interest on SAC. Much of the work is accomplished through our subcommittees. Our Finance Committee works with Administration to develop a budget for the school and recommend a tuition rate each year. The Development Committee organizes our Gala each year. The Facilities Committee helps Administration plan and coordinate projects to keep the school facilities up to date. Our Legislative Committee keeps up with Beacon Hill and legislation that affects our school and as well as the community's commitment to Catholic education. Our Public Relations and Communications Committee looks for opportunities to raise the awareness of our school in the community. The Enrollment Committee hosts events to welcome new families to our school. Our Strategic Planning Committee works with Administration and our Finance Committee to identify our goals and objectives and keeps us on track for meeting them.

As you can see, there are several ways for you to share your experience or special interest. Do you have experience in Finance and Planning? Have you planned events or fundraisers? Do you have a writing talent? If you do, or if you know someone who does, I encourage you to complete the nomination form and send it into the office.

I feel very fortunate to send my children to St. Mary's. The Administration and teachers do an outstanding job educating our children and providing a safe and nurturing environment for them to learn. None of this would be possible without the support and dedication of our parents.

Thanks for all you do and for considering participation on SAC.

Sincerely,

Meg Costello

Chair, SAC