

FACT SHEET: St. Andrew Apostle Parish School Advisory Board

What is the School Board Advisory Board?

The St. Andrew Apostle Parish School Advisory Board assists the parish and the school in its mission of providing a Catholic education for its children. The Board is a policy-making organization that provides advice, counsel, and assistance to the pastor and principal on all matters relating to the governance of the school. Board committees address a variety of issues, which can include long-range strategic planning, policy development, finance, public relations and marketing, development and fundraising, evaluation of effectiveness, and nomination of new members. The specific priorities of the Board change each school year.

What is the relationship of the School Board to the St. Andrew's Parents' Association (SAPA)?

SAPA is responsible for such things as the social, volunteer, and fundraising activities in the school. They work with the administrative team to plan activities and events, support teachers, provide parent education, host meetings, and carry out fundraising projects. As an excellent avenue of communication and cooperation between parents, faculty, and administration, SAPA is an important source of information and voice to the Board. To enhance communication with this important group, the President of SAPA serves as a consultant to the Board.

Who serves on the School Advisory Board?

The Board is comprised of 9-17 members including the pastor, principal, vice-principals, parents/guardians of children in the school and/or parishioners, and faculty members. The Director of Religious Education, SAPA President, and the previous Board Chair serve as consultants to the Board. The pastor and principal, following the Board's approval of recommendations, appoint the members. Parent/guardian/parishioner members serve staggered three-year terms.

What are the Priorities of the School Advisory Board for 2006-07?

For the 2006-07 School Year, the Board has identified priorities that fall within the following committees:

- Communications—To improve communications among all parties, including the Pastor, Principal, Faculty, Parents, Children and the Parish Community.
- Marketing and Public Relations—To provide information to those outside the St. Andrews community about the great opportunities for St. Andrew's school children.
- Finance and Endowment—To ensure fiscal health of the school and consider the development of a St. Andrew's endowment fund.
- Development and Alumni Relations—To maintain current and identify potential fundraising opportunities and to enhance the relationship between current and past St. Andrew community members.

How can you become involved in the School Advisory Board?

- Attend a Meeting--Board meetings are held the first Thursday of every month (except for October, the second Thursday) in the rectory basement at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the St. Andrew community. If you would like to be added to the agenda of a Board meeting, please contact the Chair at least 2 weeks in advance, and every effort will be made to accommodate your interest on the agenda.
- Join a Committee--The Board would like to encourage all parents and guardians of St. Andrews to volunteer to contribute to any of the priorities identified above through work on the committees. The more you get involved, the more we will accomplish for our community. Please contact any Board member to learn more about opportunities for service. Service on Board committees is subject to approval by the St. Andrew's administrative team.
- Join the Board in 2007-08--Nominations are solicited in the late fall and spring for new members. You can find an application at our website: www.standrewapostle.org, or at our *Parent Information Center* next to the all purpose room. You may contact any member of the School Board if you would like to talk with someone before applying.