



Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic School

# School Advisory Board Application

The purpose of the OLP School Advisory Board (SAB) is to provide guidance and assistance and to make recommendations to the Pastor, Pastoral Administrator and/or Principal in the governance of the School. The Board fulfills its purpose and exercises its functions in advancing the mission and goals of the Our Lady of the Presentation School and Parish under the guidance of the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The SAB functions in an advisory capacity and does not set policy.

## School Advisory Board functions:

- **Planning:** Setting goals for the School, consistent with the Parish mission statement, and overseeing the long-range planning and development of the School.
- **Policy:** Making recommendations and providing guidance on the formation and implementation of policies for the School.
- **Financial:** Promoting stewardship and providing guidance on the budget, grants, tuition policies, and financial planning for the long-term fiscal stability of the School.
- **Public Relations:** Developing and maintaining an on-going program to promote the School's image both within the Parish and the public to foster a greater sense of community.
- **Evaluation:** Evaluating and monitoring School programs with the goals established by the Diocese and accrediting firms, as well as the Board's effectiveness in accomplishing Board work.
- **Communication:** Promoting communication among the Administrative Team, the School, the parents and students.

Decades of research show that when parents are involved, students achieve more, regardless of socio-economic status, ethnic/racial background, or the parents' education level.

- The most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status, but the extent to which that student's family is able to (1) create a home environment that encourages learning; (2) communicate high, yet reasonable, expectations for their children's achievement and future careers; and (3) become involved in their children's education at school and in the community.
- Student behaviors such as alcohol use, violence, and anti-social behavior decrease as parent involvement increases.
- Students are more likely to fall behind in academic performance if their parents do not participate in school events, develop a working relationship with their child's educators, or keep up with what is happening in their child's school.
- The benefits of involving parents are not confined to the early years; there are significant gains at all ages and grade levels.
- Middle and senior high school students whose parents remain involved make better transitions, maintain the quality of their work, and develop realistic plans for their future. Students whose parents are not involved, on the other hand, are more likely to drop out of school.
- When parents are involved in their student's education, those students have higher grades and test scores, better attendance, and complete homework more consistently.
- When parents are involved, students exhibit more positive attitudes and behavior, increased motivation and better self-esteem.
- Students whose parents are involved in their lives have higher graduation rates and greater enrollment rates in post-secondary education.

We hope you prayerfully consider representing our school as a School Advisory Board member.

Thank you,

Kelly Merit

SAB President 2016-2017



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Name:		Date of Application:	
Address:		SAB School Year Service:	
City, State, Zip:		Home Phone:	
		Cell Phone:	
		Email:	

List any school committees on which you currently serve or have served:


List other areas of involvement within the school or parish:


Give a short description as to why you would like to serve on the OLP School Advisory Board:


Name of student(s) currently attending OLP:

STUDENT	GRADE	STUDENT	GRADE

On a separate page, please provide a short bio of yourself, including professional history and community involvement. This information will be published in the weekly email/Panther Prints to the school families highlighting you as a candidate for SAB. Please also include a current picture.

**Please email this application, bio, and photo to both Mrs. Briggs ([jbriggs@olpls.org](mailto:jbriggs@olpls.org)) and Kelly Merit ([kelly@meritcomputing.com](mailto:kelly@meritcomputing.com)). You may also drop your application off at the front office.**

**Applications must be received by April 21, 2017.** A ballot of candidates will be sent to the school families on April 28, based on approved applications. New board members will be determined upon the highest vote count and approval of the administration. If the number of approved applications is equal to board vacancies, the Board may choose to not hold a formal election. If you are selected, you will be asked to attend the May SAB meeting on May 11, 2017 at 6 PM.