



School Advisory Board

ST. GILES SCHOOL

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School Advisory Board

St. Giles School operates with a School Advisory Board, whose members act as advisors to the Pastor and Principal. Comprised of parent and non-parent members appointed by the Pastor, the members bring a breadth of community involvement and expertise in the areas of finance, technology, development, marketing, athletics and strategy planning.

My kids talk about kindness, respecting others and living like God wants us to. They're learning about that every day – not just at home and not just in a religion class, but throughout their curriculum. I love the kind of people that St. Giles is helping them become."

Sarah Y., 2nd grade and PreK parent

Finance

The Finance Committee provides a degree of oversight on the School's financial condition. The Committee assists in maintaining the School's viable financial standing, without taking on fiduciary or audit-related responsibilities. The Committee reviews key financial metrics including actual financial results vs. budget and tuition collections. Finally, the Committee participates in creating and aligning the School's budget with strategic and operational plans.

Marketing and Communications

Advancing the mission of St. Giles School, the Marketing and Communications Committee works to enhance the visibility and public perception of the school and support the students and families currently enrolled in the school. The Committee sponsors and coordinates the school-wide Open House in January and develops and manages the print production of all marketing and promotional material. Promoting the brand identity of St. Giles School, the Committee also coordinates key internal vehicles of communication directed at faculty/staff, parents, and students and hosts programs for current and prospective families. The goal of the Marketing and Communications Committee is to recruit new students and families, achieve and maintain full enrollment, and support retention of current students.

Development

Anchored by our two annual fundraisers, the Lion's Leap in September and the Black & Gold Pride in March, the St. Giles Development Office raises close to \$300,000 annually for the school. In addition to supporting these important fundraisers, the Development Committee works with the Development Office to plan activities that advance the mission of St. Giles School: to build connections and extend our outreach to both alumni and the community. These events include our ever-popular Grandparents' Day and an opportunity for SGS alumni to come back on campus to share advice with our 8th grade graduates.

Technology

The Technology Committee supports the Principal by reviewing and planning for future technology at the school. The Committee reviews outside technology providers and the progress of open projects; assists in soliciting bids for contracted services; assesses technology needs and challenges of the faculty; and assesses the overall technology needs at the school to prioritize purchases and future upgrades. The Committee also assists in the implementation and evaluation of new projects, such as 1:1 device initiatives.

Athletics

The Mission of the Interscholastic Athletic Program is to provide opportunities for all interested St. Giles School students to learn about and participate as members of St. Giles School sports teams and programs; transmit knowledge of the fundamentals of various sports; develop the sports-specific skill levels of each participant; instill team-oriented values in sports environment; teach proper attitude toward winning, losing, and competing with dignity; foster and environment to increase self-confidence and self-esteem; and enhance individual levels of physical fitness.

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Meghan Hurley Gibbs, Chair

Meghan lives in Oak Park and has been a parishioner since 2014, when she and her husband, Ted, enrolled their oldest daughter in preschool at St. Giles. Their four children attend St. Giles and are in 5th, 4th, 1st and kindergarten. Meghan graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2001 and upon graduation volunteered with Amate House, where she began her work as a teacher and administrator in Chicago Catholic schools. Meghan has a Master of Arts in Teaching from Dominican University and a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Loyola University Chicago. Since having her family, Meghan has done consulting work for Big Shoulders Fund, Loyola University's Greeley Center, and Chicago-area Catholic schools.

Sarah Yaffe, Marketing and Communications Chair

Sarah has spent 20 years in public relations working on behalf of some of the most recognized consumer brands and companies. She currently oversees business development for North America for Weber Shandwick, a leading global communications agency. Sarah has been a parishioner since 2012, when she and her husband, Jerome, moved to Oak Park. They have three children, including a son in 3rd grade and daughter in kindergarten at St.

Giles School, and a son in kindergarten at Whittier Elementary. Sarah was a member of the marketing committee last year and currently serves as a room parent. She's proud to be a University of Dayton alum and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications.

Carolyn Burke, Finance Chair

Carolyn has been a member of the parish since 2010 when her twin boys were baptized at St. Giles. She received a BBA with a concentration in accounting from the University of Notre Dame and her MBA with concentrations in finance and strategy from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Carolyn began her career as a Certified Public Accountant with KPMG in Chicago and worked in the financial services industry for over 25 years. She left her most recent position as CFO of Mesirow Advanced Strategies in 2016 to spend more time with her family. In addition to volunteering at St. Giles, she serves on the Boards and chairs the finance committee at both Thrive Counseling Center in Oak Park and Riverside Golf Club. Carolyn and her husband Tom Clarkson have lived in Oak Park since 2006.

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Greg Larson, Athletic Advisory Committee Chair

Parishioners for 14+ years, Greg and Kate Larson have three children: Annie, a recent Giles graduate and currently a sophomore at Fenwick; Julia, a 7th grader; and Ryan, a 2nd grader. Greg and Kate have both served on the AAC committee and believe that sports can play an important role in the development of the mind, body, and spirit. Professionally, Greg has worked in advertising and marketing and believes that creativity is the most powerful force in business.

Ty Mayberry, Technology Chair

Ty works within the Hybrid and Managed Services (H&MS) practice at CDW. His responsibilities include working with government, corporate and medical organizations, designing and implementing emerging telecommunications and cloud technologies ranging from visual collaboration to SD-WAN and Infrastructure as a Service. Ty has two daughters who are SGS alumnae: Class of 2015 and 2021.

Kelly Hartweg, Development Chair

Kelly currently serves as the Executive Director of the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF) Midwest Division. Prior to her work at IICF, Kelly held leadership roles in membership, development, sales and event management at organizations such as Navy Pier and the Word of Mouth Marketing Association. Kelly was a Friends First Mentor at Mercy Home for Children, and enjoys giving back to her community through volunteer projects that address hunger, senior care, youth education and mentoring. She has a 5th grade daughter and two sons who are alumni of St. Giles School.

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**Jim Gates, Secretary,
Member-at-large**

Jim and his wife Louise have been active members of the St. Giles faith community since 1987. They have 3 adult children, all educators. He has served the parish as a lector, Confirmation catechist, altar server trainer, Parish Pastoral Council member and chair, member of the Shared Cup capital campaign team, and member of the Foundations of Faith capital campaign leadership team. Education has been Jim's vocation as a 33-year middle school educator, lead literacy consultant for the DuPage Office of Education, and elected school board member. He is currently finishing a PH.D. program in Educational Leadership at Concordia University in River Forest and is a volunteer in the Hines Veterans' Hospital pharmacy.

**Catherine Marshall,
Member-at-large**

Cathy has spent her career in education as a teacher, counselor, and social worker. She taught at St. Giles for 3.5 years before having children and staying home to raise a family. During that time, she did a lot of volunteer work at St. Giles (where her children attended) and in the community. In 1995, Cathy went back to work as a Dean Counselor at Riverside Brookfield High School. She worked there five years and then took a position as a Dean Counselor at Oak Park-Riv-

er Forest High School. She retired in 2012 from OPRF and is currently working part-time as a school social worker at St. Vincent Ferrer School in River Forest. The Marshall family has been parishioners at St. Giles for over 40 years. They have four children and four grandchildren, two of whom attend St. Giles: Christopher is in third grade and Walter is in Kindergarten.

**Patrick Winter,
Member-at-large**

Patrick Winter and his wife Rachel have been active in the St. Giles parish and school community since they moved into the Galewood neighborhood in 2014. Their sons Joseph and Thomas are in the 6th and 3rd grades, respectively, and their daughter Catherine is in Kindergarten. For the past 14 years, Patrick has been working at Saint Ignatius College Prep, where he has taught both math and religious studies. Before moving to Chicago, he taught math and religious studies for five years at Georgetown Prep, a Jesuit high school in Maryland. Patrick received his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and earned a master's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame. When he's not fishing with his kids, he is usually playing either a guitar or a mandolin. Patrick and Rachel love this community and consider it a privilege to participate so actively in it.

St. Giles School exists to foster the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of our elementary school children.

We are committed to a quality education that prepares our students to be people of faith, to be lifelong learners, and to serve the broader community.

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