

ST. PATRICK BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS

The St. Patrick Board of Education will be having elections for the two open school board positions the weekend of August 11-12. Elections will occur after all Masses including after the "Back to School" Mass on Sunday, August 12. Please make sure to stop by and vote for the individuals running for these important positions. Below, you will find a brief biography from each of the candidates in order to help you make your decision.

Arthur Murray

Hello, my name is Arthur Murray. My interest to be part of the School Board Advisory Committee is to offer my professional, and life experience that could present an objective view that may offer some credence upon situations as they may arise.

My life experience has been in the IT realm for 20+ years with the USAF, and some years within the private sector. As a military member I served as an enlisted member, and later accepted a promotion to officer ranks. My private sector accomplishments I've worked as a Field Engineer for telecommunication companies, and worked part-time as an Adjunct professor at Stayer University teaching Math and IT classes. I am an active member of the Filipino-American community in the Greater STL area, and an active participant in the A.C.T.S. community. As a selected member I will bring with me a level of credibility that ensures confidence with each of my recommendations; collaborativeness that will embrace openness, transparency, and teamwork; competency that will continuously seek improvement from my acquired knowledge, skills, and abilities; and commitment to a sense of service to those that count on me. My objective will be to become an enabling committee member to assist with matters that will continue St. Patrick's success, and continue preparing the students for their life quest development.

Amanda (Mandi) Boehringer

Mandi started her journey graduating Magna Cum Laude from Missouri State University with her Degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1997. She began her professional career training under the founders of Houston's Restaurants in Atlanta, GA as she operated five units within the organization. She relocated to St. Louis where she became a partner with J. Buck's Restaurants. During her 12 ½ year career she opened 7 upscale restaurants, one catering company, one coffee shop/deli and three fast casual units.

She was recruited by Chandler Hill Vineyards as their Chief Operating Officer where she met Scott Zajac CEO of the Rockwood Group. She made the move into the Renewable Energy, Finance, Policy and Advocacy industry as the Director of Business Development for the Rockwood Group. While there she sat on the board for the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), American Council on Renewable Energy Leadership Committee and held a leadership role for the Women Empowerment movement within the Renewable Energy Sector through SEIA. She has visited Capitol Hill on several occasions to meet with elected members of Congress and the Senate to discuss policy surrounding the renewable sector and new innovative finance tool for clean energy deployment. She has had the pleasure to work with Governors, White House Leadership, USDA Leadership, a variety of Global CEO's and Fortune 500 Company leaders and Secretary Generals of all branches of the US Military on energy resiliency issues.

Mandi was recently recruited to join Affordable Equity Partners as the Director of New Business Development where she is working to deploy funds for economic growth throughout 14 states in rural communities. She has received several awards and recognitions throughout her career from Entrepreneur Organization, Women Presidents Organization, St. Louis Business Journal's 30 Under 30 and most recently Pace Nation has requested her leadership to activate and lead the Women and Diversity Group within the organization. She has two daughters 7&8 attending St. Patrick School.

Gina Hakenewerth

I would like to express my interest in running for St. Patrick School's Board of Education.

I have been a member of St. Patrick Parish for approximately 4 years, and my husband and his family have been

members for nearly 40 years. I have two children, and my oldest will begin his schooling career at St. Patrick School this Fall. We are very excited to begin this new journey! I am passionate about education and would like to strengthen our school system and improve the opportunities for the children. Having a mother that was a teacher for 40 years has given me this passion to become an education advocate, not only for my children, but all of the children at St. Patrick School. I care about the future of our school and want to obtain and retain the best and brightest, and continue to provide a safe and effective learning environment for the students and teachers.

I have a background in community relations, business analysis and real estate within the Utility Industry, along with strong leadership skills shown by my volunteer efforts on the St. Charles County Road Board and as Chairwoman of 1st Financial Federal Credit Union. I believe that these experiences will make me a well-rounded asset to the St. Patrick Board of Education.

Christine McKenzie

My name is Christine McKenzie and I am interested in serving on the St. Patrick Board of Education. My background is in the education field. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. I previously taught for nine years in the public school system. While there, I served on a variety of committees including curriculum writing for the district, and the implementation of our outdoor classroom and its strategies.

Once I started my family, I took a break from the education field to stay home with my children. I have been blessed with four children whose ages range from 5 - 13 and all attend St. Patrick School.

When deciding to return to work, I joined the staff at St. Patrick School. I began as a substitute teacher, then a teacher's aide for 3 years, and I am currently beginning my second year as a Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten teacher in our Early Childhood Program.

I am a member of the parish and have been since 2011, and truly believe in our community both church and school. My husband and I are both active volunteers who support St. Patrick as a whole. I believe with being an educator, a parishioner, a parent, and a Catholic I could serve as an asset on our board of education.

