



PRESENTATION OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Greetings to the Presentation of Mary Community,

This time of year is always filled with such anticipation – new school supplies, seeing friends we missed over the summer, meeting new teachers, and the changing of seasons that is upon us. You can almost see and feel the excitement in the children, the teachers and staff, and parents as we come back together as a community. We are reminded of the blessing Presentation of Mary School is to our students and families.

As we embark on a new school year, we want to share with you a recent accomplishment. To shine a light on all the good things happening at the school, the School Board undertook a project to review our school vision, mission, and values (VMV) to make sure they are a true reflection of our foundation. Families, parishioners, and stakeholders provided input and suggestions to this important work, and we are pleased to share with you the results of the project. You will see that our vision leads us to the light of Christ in all we do; our mission grounds us in excellence; and our values provide the foundation for our actions.

Our hope is that we will all see the evidence of these values play out in every encounter our students have as they experience the mission of Presentation of Mary School throughout their years, and that the vision we hold for our school will carry us for years to come.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Fr Peter Ly, Pastor

Sue Lovegreen, Principal

Jim Wold, School Board Chair

VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

Vision Statement – At Presentation of Mary School we bring the light of Christ to all who enter our doors. Grounded in our Catholic tradition we are guided by excellence in spiritual and academic preparation that is accessible, recognizes each child’s unique God-given gifts, is rooted in service, and builds a foundation on which students can achieve their full potential.

Mission Statement – At Presentation of Mary School we prepare our students academically and spiritually to be faith-filled and forward-thinking citizens. We partner with families to fulfill this mission by inviting all God’s children into our community. Our school is a place where students can flourish, grow, and develop according to their God-given dignity through rigorous curriculum and opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge as Christ would with wisdom, compassion, and grace.

Core Values

1. Create and promote an environment where each child encounters Jesus Christ, and that they are known and loved.
2. Foster a culture of measurable academic excellence through critical thinking skills, innovation, a global perspective, and emphasis on faith, stewardship, and personal growth.
3. Encourage a love of learning that develops the whole child – mind, body, and soul.
4. Partner with school and church families to support students as they prepare for life through knowledge, truth, and values.
5. Provide a safe, nurturing environment in which students can discover and grow their individual God-given talents.
6. Promote a culture founded on integrity, faith, and a moral compass.
7. Support passionate and dedicated teachers to make a positive difference in the lives of their students long after they graduate; empowering them to become engaged leaders of both their parish and broader community.



SCHOOL BOARD

Jim Wold, Board Chair



Jim has extensive experience as a coach, teacher, superintendent, and dean in various area schools, Presentation School and Catholic education was important in his life and that of his family. He would like for families on the East Side of St. Paul and Maplewood to have access to faith based and value driven education.

Bob DuFresne, Vice-Chair



Bob is a Presentation of Mary alum as well as an involved Presentation of Mary Church parishioner. As an entrepreneur and owner in three business, he views his role on the Board as an obligation to build a sustaining strategy that will enhance the development of all students, faculty, and community.

Chad Smurawa, Facilities Chair

Chad hold Bachelors degrees in Economics and Accounting, and a Master's in Finance Management.

He brings over 17 years of experience as a CFO for the School District of River Falls, WI to our Board. His ability to manage complex operating budgets and school construction/remodeling projects will be a great asset to the stability of our school's facilities.



Denise Legato, Board Secretary

Denise and her 5 siblings all graduated from Presentation of Mary and her family has been members of the parish since 1956. She believes the Parish and School are truly a beacon of strength and stability in the area and part of her personal foundation. Serving on the School Board is an opportunity to help ensure the sustainability of that beacon for future generations.



Norb Winter, Advancement Chair



Norb has 10 years of experience in Catholic school fundraising and enrollment management. His goal as a Board member is to help strengthen our school's foundation, to be a good steward of resources, and to support our dedicated teachers, leadership and the children entrusted to Presentation of Mary's care.



Robb Boros, Finance Chair

Robb's goal is to sustain and grow the school community at Presentation of Mary for current and future generations based on his belief that the learnings that happen here provide lifelong lessons not only in typical academia subjects, but in foundational development of faith, friendships, and leadership.

Nancy Alliegro, Marketing Chair



Nancy has spent her career in Education Marketing. Her 16 years of education at St. Jerome's, Hill Murray, and The College of St. Benedict/St. John's University has led her to see the value a Catholic school education can have on a child's growth, faith development and future success in life. Nancy's goal in working with the wealth of talent at Presentation is to ensure that future generations can continue to experience this rich Catholic community on the East Side of St. Paul.



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