



The Viking Call

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN

Dear SJCP Community,

My name is Pat Crowley and I am the Chair of the SJCP Board of Trustees. While long-overdue, we have developed this newsletter as a way to introduce you to the larger Board and to use this tool to update the SJCP community on our efforts as we look to do our part in helping move the school forward.



Speaking on behalf of the entire Board, it is our distinct honor and privilege to serve our beloved school and each of us feels strongly that the school's best days are ahead of us. While incredible progress has been made in recent years to include several additions to the school, our new state of the art stadium and countless other improvements, we remain focused on doing our part to continue the transformation of our campus and staying laser-focused on making sure our academic offerings are second to none.

Looking ahead, I am happy to use this opportunity to announce that Will Knotek has recently signed a new 3-year contract that will run at least through the 2026-2027 academic year. Will, along with his excellent leadership team, have done an incredible job and we feel fortunate that Will and his team will continue to lead the school in the years ahead.

It is an exciting time at SJCP and we are hoping this newsletter will give us a better opportunity to engage our broader school community so that we can all work together to make SJCP the premier high school in Frederick County.

Sincerely,

Pat Crowley

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Bryan Grove

We are proud at SJCP to have such a loyal, dedicated Board of Trustees. Many of our Board members have served in fact for over 10 years! That said, fresh faces and ideas have always been welcome and while a majority of the board is remaining in place, we

are currently in a state of targeted recruitment in an effort to bring specific skills and experience to round out our group.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Fred Manning

The Saint John's Catholic Prep Board of Trustees' Finance Committee is responsible

for the stewardship of our school's financial resources. The committee, along with Laurie Orłowski and Will Knotek, have been diligently working on the budget for the 2024-2025 school year, ensuring that it aligns with our strategic goals and enhances our educational programs. Additionally, the committee recently accepted

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the successful completion of our recent financial audit for the prior fiscal year, for which we received a clean opinion. This audit affirms the integrity and accuracy of our financial records and practices, and it reflects our ongoing dedication to financial transparency and accountability.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Elizabeth Kinley

The committee meets quarterly with a main goal of supporting the work of the development office staff. Current initiatives involve monitoring the progress of the FY2024 annual campaign and soliciting support for the annual soiree. The committee is also involved in developing a program for planned giving in FY 2025 as well as the ongoing identification of new donors to support the school and engagement of alumni.

BUILDINGS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Bill Ballantyne

The focus over the past year has been on campus security. Improvements to visual surveillance, door security and electronic entrance improvements. Administration has responded to Sheriff department and local authority recommendations to help secure the campus and fine tune emergency response procedures. As the summer approaches we will look at how we can support summer maintenance efforts.



ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Patty Scherer

The Academic Committee, along with Will Knotek, Jill Seaman and Adrienne Rosone, meet 3 times a year to oversee policies that govern the academic programs, campus ministry, athletic programs, student organizations and student health and wellness programs. The committee is dedicated to providing assistance when needed. A recent initiative is to help find more opportunities for service within our community. Board members are reaching out to contacts in the community to find ways for our students to serve. The upcoming "Good Samaritan Day of Service" is one example of the school's initiative to provide more opportunities for service for our students.

MEET THE BOARD

In our Meet the Board section, we will highlight two of our Board members in each newsletter so that everyone can get to know our Trustees. We are blessed to have a diverse and talented group and we look forward to introducing them all to you!

Mrs. Lisa Hickman

Lisa is the proud mom of Brian (SJCP class of '13), Sarah (BHS class of '15) and Trevor (SJCP class of '19). She has been honored to serve on the BoT since 2019 so that she can "give back to a school that has immeasurably supported my family."

Lisa spent her career in corporate finance and accounting retiring from a large, global software company last June after 29+ years. Retirement has allowed her to pursue some of her passions which include working with the developmentally disabled community and exploring new forms of fitness.

Whenever she meets SJCP students out in the community, she's always amazed by them. Keep up the good work, families!



Dr. Gregory Rausch

Paul Gregory Rausch was born in Chicago in 1944. He grew up in North Hollywood, CA and attended St. Charles Borromeo Grade School, Notre Dame High School. Loyola University (now Loyola Marymount), and the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

He opened his medical oncology practice in Frederick in 1979, and has been very active in scientific and clinical research. He is the author 32 articles or abstracts in the scientific literature. He is a member of the Jesuit Honor Fraternity, the medical honor fraternity, and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Rausch married Susan Schanz in 1969 and they have 4 children (Kathryn, Margaret, Molly and Eileen) and 6 grandchildren. They both have been very active in their church. They helped found Holy Family Catholic Community in Middletown, served as lectors and on numerous committees, and chaired the building committee for the church and for the social hall.

He completed his seminary studies and was ordained a permanent deacon in 1996. He now serves at St. Joseph on Carrollton Manor. He was elected to the Catholic Prep Board of Trustees in 2018 and has served on the Capital Campaign, Advancement and Facilities Committees.



Lisa, her husband Tracey, Sarah, and Trevor enjoying Casino Night.