

Catch-Up with the Council

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The School Year has Begun! 2024-2025



The Council works to support the quality, vibrancy and sustainability of our Catholic schools throughout Chester County.

Our Catholic School Educators

Ms. Jennifer Peacock has been in Catholic education for 25 years. She is a beloved Kindergarten teacher at Saints Peter and Paul School in West Chester for the last 24 years, as well as the Director of the school's Early Childhood Center. This school year, she was promoted to Vice Principal. Jennifer is excited for the challenge of being part of the administration. Her experience and training make her well-suited for this new role.

Jennifer's resume includes Bachelors degrees from Cabrini University in Human Resources as well as Early/Elementary Education. She has earned her PA Directors Credential through Lackawanna College and is currently enrolled in Immaculata University's Educational Leadership Masters Program. We wish Ms. Peacock much success in her new role as Vice Principal!



Welcome **Mrs. Kate Fitzpatrick** to Chester county as Principal of St. Elizabeth School. She is a lifelong Catholic school student having attended SS.

Clement-Irenaeus School, West Catholic High School, Immaculata University B.A. and Villanova University M.A. She is also a lifelong Catholic educator having served as a teacher at SS. Clement-Irenaeus School, Holy Cross School, St. Cornelius School and SS. Colman-John Neumann School. She has taught grades 5 through 8 throughout her career in almost every subject area.

Kate served as Principal at Holy Cross School in Springfield for three years and now returns to administration at St. Elizabeth. Her goals for St. Elizabeth include: helping her students grow in faith and knowledge while being the best versions of who they are, supporting her faculty and staff each day by being present and visible, and helping the school community grow in enrollment. To quote Kate, "We have a wonderful school!"

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Catholic Education recognized 71 parish and regional elementary schools as **2024 Archdiocesan Schools of Distinguished Instruction**. All 12 Catholic schools in Chester County were recognized at an award ceremony in September. Congratulations on the excellent work!



Have ideas for our next newsletter?

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The Council's mission is the promotion of Catholic Education in Chester County by recommending policies, procedures, and plans to foster a close collaboration between parishes and schools.

Council Coordinator

After more than 25 years of dedicated service in Catholic education, **Anne Marie Fisher** joined the Foundation for Catholic Education team. As a married, proud parent of four children who all attended Catholic school in Delaware County, Anne Marie has a deep personal commitment to Catholic education.



Last October, Anne Marie was offered the opportunity to serve as the Advisory Council Coordinator for the Foundation. In this role, she works hand in hand with the Councils across the counties within the Archdiocese in areas such as helping grow the Council membership, plan events, and identify community resources. She enjoys visiting schools and engaging with principals and is eager to foster relationships that will further support and enhance Catholic education.

Anne Marie holds a degree in Elementary Education from Penn State and a Master's in Educational Leadership from Immaculata University. As a teacher, she has experience in grades pre-kindergarten through fourth having taught at both St. John Chrysostom and Mother of Providence Regional schools. In addition to her role as a teacher, she served as Chair for Middle States Accreditation committee and worked with faculty and administration in successfully applying for National Blue Ribbon recognition.

In 2022, Anne Marie joined the staff of Independence Mission Schools as a Teacher Leader and High School Coordinator. In this capacity she supported classroom teachers and administration, as well as guided middle school students through the high school selection and application process.

We welcome Anne Marie and the expertise she can provide to our Chester County Advisory Council!

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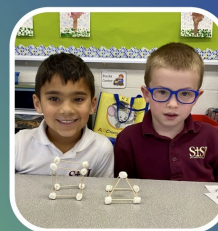


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- ▶ Friday, November 8 at 9:00 AM
- ▶ Wednesday, November 20 at 1:00 PM
- ▶ Tuesday, December 3 at 11:00 AM



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The Council works in conjunction with The Foundation for Catholic Education to offer the best education possible in our Chester County Catholic schools.