

INTRODUCING OUR ASSUMPTION BOARD OF EDUCATION NOMINEES WE NEED YOUR VOTE BEFORE MAY 15!

Be sure to cast your vote in the spring School Board Election. Ballots are being accepted through Wednesday, May 15 for nine candidates who graciously accepted the nomination to run for the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year.



Katie Burle: I would love to be part of continuing what we've strived to complete during my tenure on the school board. In addition, my family has been part of Assumption School for the past 14 years. I want to be part of the ongoing progress we've been making in my family's upcoming last three years at Assumption School. As someone with active experience, I am a current board member, parishioner, day school parent of 14 years and teacher of 21 years at both the elementary & middle school levels. I would be a positive asset to help transition the new administration and potential new board members. It would be an honor to serve one more term for our community of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Samantha DeMille: My family and I have been parishioners at Assumption for over 12 years and have two children attending Assumption School in the 6th and 2nd grades. I have a Bachelor's degree in Nonprofit Administration and Communications, as well as a Master's degree in Communications. My early career included fundraising, Public Relations for local nonprofits including the Make-a-Wish Foundation. I've worked for Bayer Crop Science for the last 13 years, currently serving as the head of Engagement for Plant Biotechnology. I have volunteered for the PTO and the Assumption Gala for the last several years and would like to be part of the Assumption Board of Education to share my knowledge and experience. I believe I can make a positive impact serving on the board and contribute my unique perspective, strong communication and engagement skills, as well as my ability to collaborate effectively. Creating a safe, inclusive, and caring school environment, while maintaining academic excellence for all students is incredibly important to me and I would be eager to help support these efforts as part of the Board of Education.



Crystal Henkelman-Shook: I am a proud member of our parish and my two young children currently attend Assumption School. I graduated from Missouri State University with a degree in Psychology and I received an Ed.S in School Psychology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. I have been a certified School Psychologist in the St. Louis area for almost 15 years. I care very deeply about the education, faith, and well-being of our children and I want to contribute to the continued success of our school and community. I appreciate your consideration for my appointment to the Assumption School Board.



Carrie Hopkins: I am happy to accept this nomination for the Assumption Board of Education. My husband, Wes, and I have been members of the parish for 10 years and have four children attending school at Assumption. I offer strong communication, collaboration, and problem solving skills, all essential abilities of an effective board member. As a school counselor at a public school, I offer valuable insights into the inner workings of schools and student learning needs. I am a solution-focused individual and am passionate about Catholic education. If elected, I will advocate for the needs of Assumption students and the school community.

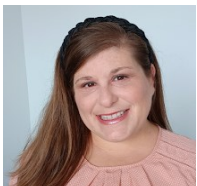


Kimberly Brock: I am a devote Catholic and member of our Assumption Church parish since 2019. As an avid supporter of Catholic education, dedicated wife, mother, and experienced full-time compliance professional, I believe it is important to use all your talents and skills to honor, praise and glorify God. I feel compelled to volunteer as a member of our School's Board of Education. If chosen, I will strive to use my talents to serve the Board, our School, and our Parish with God's grace.



Philip Heiss: After 11 years in the US Army, Christine, Ethan, Abigail, and I relocated to O'Fallon, MO in the spring of 2017 where we found a home at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. Over the years, we have become more active in the Parish and our children are enrolled at the Day School. I am a previous Board of Education member having served a three-year term which culminated in my filling the role as President for the 2022-2023 school year. Additionally, I have been serving on the parish's Enrollment Subcommittee since fall 2023. Given the number of years we have been members of the Parish and have had children in the Day School, I believe I am a great candidate to serve as part of the Parish and School Administration's advisory board.

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Tina Meyer: I am a parishioner, mother of 3 kids at Assumption school, and a current school board member who would be honored to serve one more term. I have been an elementary educator for the past 18 years, and have most recently been in a role where my main focus is to work closely with teachers to help problem solve solutions to different types of learners. My background and knowledge of education and the school board/bi-laws I feel would be an asset to ABVM as we transition to new administration. If elected I would continue to strive to be a positive connection for parents and the school by listening to concerns and providing feedback to those necessary at the school to help our school be as successful as possible. Our kids' safety, religious education, academics, and mental well being are all topics I feel are important to talk about when in school board meetings.



Derek Menne: As a parishioner and father of three Assumption students, I have a deep-rooted belief in the Catholic faith and a commitment to nurturing the spiritual and academic growth of students in the private school setting. I believe Catholic schools give students the best opportunity to succeed, becoming successful members of society and strong future leaders. As a business partner and member of an executive leadership team, I have the experience necessary to help guide and advise the Assumption leadership team to make the best decisions possible for the students and faculty of Assumption School. It would be an honor to be a part of the continued growth of the school, it's faculty and its students.



Michelle Enriquez: God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called! This has been my mission statement for all that I do. One of the things that I love is our parish and our school. I have watched all 5 of my children go through the education program at Assumption, including my 12-year-old daughter who has been at Assumption since pre-K 3. I have seen groups of children with difficulties, and I have seen some with amazing opportunities. I feel that as a parent, the way that we model our lives has a huge impact on our children. Well, I know that I have so much more to learn and grow from, but the one thing that I feel strongly about is my faith and ability to listen with open arms and offer a very diverse perspective to important decisions that will impact our current children and future children in our school. For many years, I have thought about, "How can I make a difference for the kiddos in our school?" A few years ago, my husband and I went through a three-year Lay Formation process with the Archdiocese of St. Louis. We committed to every Saturday with the summer off, and we were able to successfully complete that, only missing half a day due to a wedding. I finally feel that being a part of the future decision-makers for our school is something that the Holy Spirit is whispering into my ear to do. I decided to listen to the call just as I've done with everything else in my life, including taking on three special-needs children recently after most of my own children have become adults. This is the main reason I want to do this - I feel called by the Holy Spirit to use my skills of leading others and use the diverse perspective that I bring to our parish and Board of Education.

Read the description of each nominee and choose three of your favorite candidates.

- ◆ **VOTE ONLINE** by scanning the QR Code **or**
- ◆ Fill out a write-in ballot and place it in the ballot box on the table in the Church Narthex. You may also drop it off at the Parish Office drop box outside.



For more information about the the Assumption School Board, visit our website at assumptionbvmschoo.org or contact Michael Duffy, Assumption School Board Vice President/President Elect at 314-313-8813.

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