

SCHOOL OF ST. MARY SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2026

3-Year SOSM Strategic Plan Coming Soon – Share Your Ideas!

SAC members recently met with Father Ted, Father Andre, Kathy Thompson, and Maria Monroe to develop the framework for the school's first long-term strategic plan in over a decade. The plan will be shared with staff on May 1 – and then communicated to school families and parishioners by the end of the school year.

A long-term strategic plan is essential to guide SOSM's growth so students and staff can thrive. We recently surveyed teachers and administrative staff to gather their insights on the greatest opportunities to consider for strategic plan priorities and programming.

As a parent and partner in your child's education, you also provide invaluable perspectives. Please take this BRIEF and ANONYMOUS survey by Wednesday, April 15 to be sure your opinions are considered. Thank you!

SURVEY LINK: [School of St. Mary: Parent Survey to Inform Strategic Planning](#)

Committee Spotlight: Student Life

SAC welcomed Student Council leaders at the March 18 meeting, to share highlights from their successful St. Patrick's Day celebration and 6-8th grade dance, among other student community-building activities. John Hancir also shared several updates:

- A new Athletic Director, Joe Miller (current SOSM family), has been hired to help continue to grow SOSM Athletics. He starts in August.
- SAC and school leaders are working with the parish buildings and grounds team to identify options for resurfacing the gym floor. Stay tuned!
- Athletics offerings continue to grow, with boys volleyball returning this spring!
- Look for more events such as 3rd grade fly-up night, masses and banquets celebrating our athletes, and other activities to help us grow together.

2026-27 Budget Development Underway

For the first time in several years, Kathy Thompson and Maria Monroe are leading the development of next year's school budget. They're working closely with the SAC Finance Committee, as well as the Archdiocese and COSM Parish Finance Council, to build a thoughtful, forward-looking budget that comprehensively captures considerations for staffing, curriculum, and other resources that are needed for SOSM to grow. The draft budget will be submitted to the Archdiocese in April, with a final budget to be discussed at the SAC May 20 meeting.

SOSM Is Growing: Help Spread the Word!

Six new families joined SOSM since January, and 2026-27 student enrollment is currently at 382 (as of April 3) – just slightly under our goal of 400 students starting in August.

Please help us spread the word about how SOSM is growing and reach out to Rebecca Hartman if you have friends interested in joining our school community. Details about a spring PGC open house are coming soon.

Approved SAC meeting minutes are posted on the school website and MySOSM.