

“Several years ago I was asked to join the School Board. I was delighted to do so and to have an opportunity to bring my expertise and experience to this dedicated group. From Kindergarten through College, I was a product of Catholic Education. I also brought my almost forty years of experience as a teacher and administrator in the Boston Public Schools to the SFA Board. St. Francis of Assisi is a school with a truly diverse student population, dedicated competent professionals in the classrooms, an excellent Administrator and support staff enabling the students to be recipients of a quality, well rounded Catholic education. The curriculum with its broad based offering allows student exposure to the Arts, Foreign Language and Technology as well as the Core Curriculum. It is also impressive to observe the tremendous support that the Parent Guild brings to the school in so many ways be it fundraising, participating in the School Liturgies, organizing collations following special activities, serving as judges at the Science Fair, chaperoning field trips and more.

It has been a pleasure to have been involved in our St. Francis school community which would serve as a great model for other parishes.”

Dick O’Neil
SFA School Board Member

“Throughout my few years in Saint Francis I have always noticed repeatedly that it is a warm, caring, nurturing environment which encourages individual growth in all of its students.

I feel grateful when my kids are excited to go each morning and speak glowingly of their teachers. My youngest son always points out his school every time we drive by it. He is so proud to be part of it!

The small classes may be found in any great school, but SFA teachers go out of their way to make their students enjoy learning. It is a pleasure to have my children attend Saint Francis of Assisi School, which truly embodies a sense of community. Students are challenged to excel academically and meet the rigorous demands that they will face as future scholars. SFA broadens their learning of Catholic teaching and their value system. They develop a sense of self and understanding of their relationship within the community of God and their role as good Catholics.

At SFA children are empowered to succeed and each individual is viewed through their strengths rather than weaknesses.

I love that my children are happy, the teachers and staff are attentive, parents are involved, the kids are learning and the leadership is strong.”

Claudia Teixeira
Parent ’17, ’19, Guild Officer

"We love SFA School!

SFA teachers go the extra mile for our students. They not only teach our child a solid academic curriculum, but also many other important life lessons in a faith-based environment. Since having our daughter at SFA, she is excited to be at school and learn new things. We love the mentoring and energetic support of the younger students by the older ones and are looking forward to another great year!

SFA has "a beautiful spirit". Our daughter is not only taught incredibly well by top-notch teachers, but also is completely at home at SFA and she truly feels loved and valued here. That kind of spirit is so important to learning and to growing in knowledge, character and faith.

SFA is special because of us. The people (parents and students) make SFA a great place to be. It is always a joy to walk into the halls, meet new parents, and chat with old friends. We also enjoy being greeted by the smiling faces of the students and teachers. The love that comes from the SFA community is what makes SFA such a great school, as well as a great place to be!"

Michael & Marlene DiStasio
Parents '17, Guild Officer

"As an alumnus, former Board member and parent of a current student, I have a deep commitment to the mission of Saint Francis of Assisi School. My child is developed academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually. When he lost his father, the entire school community blanketed him in love and support. The school's counselor was instrumental in shepherding him through his loss. For my child, school is more than the place you learn, it is a community marked by respect, responsibility and commitment to faith. Moreover, the school's commitment to diversity, emphasis on teaching foreign languages at a young age and superior technology platform insure that my child is being well-prepared for the global world in which we now live."

Kathleen Cummings '73
Parent '14

"We have been fortunate, as a family, to be involved with St Francis of Assisi School for over 30 years. We have watched it grow and prosper both from a faith based and educational standpoint to the shining light it is today as an outstanding example of how a parish based parochial school should function."

David Francis
Parent '81, '83, '90, '96
SFA School Board Chair

"SFA School has been a vital part of my family's life since my daughters, Diane and Kathy first attended the school over 25 years ago! During this time, I have taught grades 2 and 4, prepared many children for the Sacraments of Penance and First Eucharist, made many friends, and witnessed incredible advances in technology. What has remained constant is the family atmosphere SFA has provided, in addition to a safe environment, strong academics, and spiritual development. I am proud and honored to work with the current dedicated administration, faculty, and staff of Saint Francis of Assisi School. I have also been grateful to the many parents who have given me the opportunity to work with their children over the years. In 2009, my granddaughter, Rachel, was enrolled in SFA's pre-k, becoming the newest member of the family to enjoy the benefits of SFA - benefits which will last a lifetime!"

Maureen Lord
Parent '85, '89; Grandparent '20
Grade 2 teacher

"We have been part of the Saint Francis of Assisi School community for 9 years and Saint Francis of Assisi School has provided our children with an excellent education. Their Catholic faith is their foundation for life and SFA has helped us instill the Christian values we want for our children. We have watched the school progress year after year and keep up with the current trends in education and technology. Our children have thrived here both academically and spiritually. They have learned about respect, community and service. We have been fortunate to have experienced such a wonderful educational environment that has been an extended family for us and our children. "

Laura and Dan Graziano
Parents '11, '13, '15

"The McCarthy Family of Holbrook shares the common interest with SFOA of passing on the legacy of Catholic family values and heralding the importance of the highest quality education around. St. Francis of Assisi School and Parish has played a big part in the lives of the McCarthy Family for over 30 years. Brian McCarthy graduated from SFOA in 1988, he was married at St. Francis Parish in 1999, his son was baptized at St. Francis in 2005 and the McCarthys are now proud to say their son is SFOA class of 2019!"

Joanna and Brian McCarthy '88
Parents '19