



Letter from the Advisory Council

August 2009

Greetings SJV Families,

The 2009-2010 SJV Advisory Council would like to extend our best wishes to you as we begin the new school year. You may or may not be familiar with the Advisory Council. If you are not, we'd like to change that.

This letter is intended to serve three purposes:

- To summarize the role of the Advisory Council.
- To invite you to our monthly meetings.
- To make you aware of our efforts at continuous, two-way communication.

Straight from our Constitution:

The purpose of the Advisory Council is to function as an advisory board to the Principal and Pastor in matters relating to St. John Vianney Catholic School.

Specific responsibilities of the Advisory Council include:

- To promote a clear understanding, communications and implementation of the Philosophy, Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SJV.
- To develop and recommend policies to assist in the administration of the school.
- To develop an annual budget for the school and proposed funding sources for the budget.
- To assist the school in achieving its goal of providing quality Catholic education to students consistent with the Philosophy, MS and applicable policies, including diocesan policies and applicable accreditation policies.

Open Meetings:

While non-profit organizations are not obligated to hold open board meetings, the SJV Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. We want you to know that you are invited to the monthly meetings of the Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Parish Office. Our standing agenda is posted on the school website. If you would like to add an item to our agenda, please contact our President, Stacy Missigman, at least a week prior to the meeting date. Please keep in mind that the Advisory Council is an advisory board to the Pastor and school administration. We will only add an agenda item that falls within this scope. We ask that you work directly with teachers and administrators concerning matters pertaining to an individual child. As such, inquiries to the Advisory Council may be redirected to an alternate resource for the most expedient resolution. If you present an agenda item and would like to speak at the meeting, you will be asked to sign-in and complete a form summarizing your question, concern or topic.

Advisory Council Meeting Dates:

<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
▪ Aug 19, 2009	▪ Jan 20, 2010
▪ Sept 16, 2009	▪ Feb 24, 2010
▪ Oct 21, 2009	▪ Mar 17, 2010
▪ Nov 18, 2009	▪ April 21, 2010
▪ Dec 16, 2009	▪ May 19, 2010

Communication is a Two-Way Street:

We want you to know what is being discussed at the Advisory Council meetings. So, in addition to the sincere invitation to attend these meetings, we want to keep you informed via other forums as well. As such, there will be a brief presentation from an Advisory Council member at each of the monthly HSA mandatory parent meetings.

But we want to hear from you too. We have two ideas to accomplish that objective. First, we are posting the names and email addresses for all of the members here. Please feel free to contact any of us with your questions, comments or concerns.

Name	Role	Email Address
Stacy Missigman	President	mmissigman@cox.net
Dan Ashlock	Vice President	dashlockjr@yahoo.com
Trisha San Miguel	Secretary	atsanmiguel@cox.net
Veronica Ramirez	Media & Public Relations Co-Chair	avr4health@cox.net
Maria Mesquita	Media & Public Relations Co-Chair	amesq@cox.net
Georgia Gonzalez	Development Chair	gisontheway@yahoo.com

Second, we will be reinstating an old SJV tradition, "First Fridays." On the First Friday of each month, a member of the Advisory Council will set up a table in the court yard during morning drop-off. Coffee and donuts will be provided. From 7:30am until about 9am, you will have the opportunity to share your comments, questions, concerns, ideas, speculation, suggestions and relevant thoughts to one or more members of the Advisory Council. We are looking forward to hearing from each of you!

Please know that we are here to support you as the primary educators of your children. Let us remain united in prayer and service so that we can create the best possible learning environment here at St. John Vianney Catholic School.