



Saint Mary's Catholic School

Congratulations to Our 2025-2026 PTO Board!

Angela Thompson, President

Bobbie Burnette, Co-Vice President

Tiffany Vadella-Griffith, Co-Vice President

Annelies Chapman, Treasurer

Jayne Dunkum, Secretary

ANGELA THOMPSON

President



Hi, I'm Angela! My husband, Andrew, and I have a daughter, Annabelle, who is a rising second grader here at Saint Mary's, and a sweet pup named Stella.

I work in marketing for a healthcare company, and my background is in both marketing and communications.

While balancing work and family life, I've really enjoyed finding ways to stay connected at Saint Mary's—serving on the Gala Committee for the past three years and jumping in to help with various events and committees along the way.

I'm also a proud Saint Mary's alum and feel incredibly grateful for the experience I had here as a student. That's what inspires me most about stepping into this role—I want to help create the same sense of connection, joy, and community for our children and families. I'm so excited to serve our school as your PTO President.

BOBBIE BURNETTE

Co-Vice President



Hello, SMCS Families!

I'm excited to introduce myself as your co-Vice President of the PTO for the 2025-26 school year. My name is Bobbie Burnette, and my husband, Brian, and I are proud parents to two wonderful children: Roewyn, our rising 1st grader at St. Mary's, and Chaney, a rising 6th grader at St. Christopher's. We're also the doting owners of a 17-year-old cat, OJay Pumpkin Latte, and our spirited three-legged Cockalier, Peggy Chu.

Our family has roots in Chesterfield, where Brian and I both grew up, and we're grateful to be surrounded by family, including my two nieces who also attend St. Mary's. While the daily commute to Richmond isn't our favorite, the vibrant St. Mary's community makes it more than worthwhile. From the moment Roewyn joined Junior Kindergarten last year, we fell in love with the warmth, support, and spirit of this school.

By day, I serve as the Marketing Director at S.B. Cox Ready Mix, while Brian leads as President of James River Exteriors in Chesterfield, his family's business. Outside of work, you'll likely find us cheering on the sidelines of a ball field, where Chaney keeps us busy with sports, or at Roewyn's dance classes and budding athletic adventures. Our family thrives on staying active and connected, whether it's through sports, school events, or simply enjoying time with our extended family nearby. But, mostly sports.

As co-VP of the PTO, I'm eager to contribute to the already incredible group of parents at St. Mary's. I look forward to fostering community spirit, supporting our teachers, and creating memorable experiences for our children. Thank you for welcoming us into this special community. I can't wait to work together to make the school year unforgettable!

TIFFANY VADELLA-GRIFFITH

Co-Vice President



With a background in behavioral healthcare administration, I dedicated many years to leadership in the field before retiring to focus on my family when my daughter was four years old. Since then, I have remained deeply involved in volunteer service, holding various leadership roles in faith-based, community, and nonprofit organizations. My volunteer experience spans various leadership and service roles, including serving on the

Pastoral Council, acting as a Mass Coordinator, President of the Catholic Women's Organization, teaching Vacation Bible School, and participating in Hospital Ministry and other ministry roles. Additionally, I have contributed to Executive Leadership Committees, the Habitat for Humanity & Free Clinic Gala Committee, and the Lions Club.

Within my daughter's Catholic school community, I have been actively involved as a Room Parent for four of the last seven years, served as Room Parent Liaison for one year, and held the position of PTO President from 2022 to 2024. I was also a member of the School Advisory Board, which, combined with my PTO leadership roles, has given me firsthand experience in fostering engagement and strengthening the school community.

This year marks our first at SMCS, where my daughter, Avianna, is in the 3rd grade. I am currently serving as a co-Room Parent and look forward to becoming even more involved in the school community. Giving back has always been important to me - from volunteering at Johnston Willis Hospital in my early twenties to the many organizations I support today. I truly believe in the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: "It is in giving that we receive."

ANNELIES CHAPMAN

Treasurer



Hi! My name is Annelies Chapman and I am the proud mom of Ella Chapman and stepmom of Emma Chapman, both vibrant first graders here at SMCS. Ella has been a part of the SMCS family since Junior Kindergarten, and Emma joined in Kindergarten.

At home, life is lively with our five dachshunds and four chickens, adding plenty of joy and energy to each day. During my free time I am always finding creative ways to bring beauty and order into my surroundings as well as working my schedule around the girls always full calendar. Professionally, I am a full-time Commercial Insurance Account Manager at Scott Insurance, I enjoy building strong relationships and providing exceptional service to my clients.

I remember my family always being involved in something at my school growing up. It always put a smile on my face when I would see one of them randomly during the day. I wanted that for my girls. It is important for me to be involved for them. Volunteering in anyway I can, whether that be helping on a SMCS Committee, helping the little ones get out of the car in the morning, or being a Room Parent, brings me so much joy and allows me to connect with the SMCS community. I look forward to being your 25-26 PTO Treasurer!

JAYNE DUNKUM

Secretary



Hi! My name is Jayne Dunkum and I am a mom to two boys. Landon joined the Saint Mary's family this year and is finishing up 1st grade. My younger son, Porter will be starting Kindergarten in the fall. Our family is beyond excited to have both the boys together at Saint Mary's starting this fall.

When I'm not chasing the boys around, I am a teacher at Saint Mary's Episcopal School working with the four year olds class. The strong community of Saint Mary's was one of the big reasons my husband Brandon and I chose to send our boys here and I am so excited to contribute to that. I look forward to working with the amazing and committed community of parents, faculty, and staff this upcoming year as your PTO Secretary.