

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

Welcome back to school! As the incoming president for the Advisory Council, one of my responsibilities is to recruit new members – currently we have a half dozen open positions that will be up for election for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Mission Statement for the advisory board is to advise the principal and assistant principal with decisions in matters that will academically, economically and spiritually better the school by acting as a liaison between the community of St. Mary's school and the school administration. This shall be done by the member's positive examples, actions and Christian Beliefs.

In the past couple of years the advisory council has assisted the school in:

- raising over \$40,000 in the Pasta for Playgrounds and Pastabilities dinners,
- working with other volunteers on the security assessment,
- making lunch for our kids on the student appreciation day,
- assisting Sister and Mr. Salcido with the registration process during the year
- helping the teachers fill their "wish list"
- working with our large body of alumni in giving out the first Alumni of the year award to Senator Pete Domenici in 2008, and Mr. & Mrs. Wickens in 2009.
- The acquisition and subsequent training for 30 new laptops for St. Mary's teachers.

Currently the 2008/2009 advisory council members include: Paul Maestas, Todd Clarke, Gary Romero, Paul Maestas, Steve Garcia, Drew Setter, Jacqueline Woodcock, Marquette Tachias, Doris Monslave, Elaine Gonzales, and Howard Funchess. Additionally, I would like to thank Tim Krebs for his service last year as well.

Advisory council members are required to attend monthly meetings (normally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday starting at 6:30) and are expected to chair a committee as appointed by the president of the advisory council. Your time on the advisory council does count towards your family's 20 in service hours, but trust me when I say you will easily spend 10 to 20 times more time working with the school than the minimum hours required.

If you believe you have an interest in serving, please complete the survey/registration process by clicking on this link: [www.nmapartment.com/stmarysschoolelection](http://www.nmapartment.com/stmarysschoolelection) . If you have limited access to the internet or need assistance with this form, I would be glad to fax it to you or mail you a paper copy. Either way, the completed form is due either online or in the Sister's office no later than 5pm September 17th, 2009.

The information will be compiled into a ballot that will be disseminated in the Wednesday's envelope on September 23rd, 2009, all Ballots are due in the school office no later than 9/25/2009 at 5pm.

If you have any additional questions about what it means to serve on the Advisory Council, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

Thank you for your time and interest,

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