



THE CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
OF STAMFORD

# *Building Strong Foundations*

*The Strategic Plan for the Catholic Academy of Stamford*

**2022 - 2026**

**Domain:** Academics

**Committee Chairperson:** Patrice Kopas (Board member)

**Committee members:**

1. Carol Provenzano – CAS Teacher (Intermediate)
2. Michelle DeRubeis – CAS Teacher (Middle School)
3. Diane Halkides – CAS Teacher (Pre-Kindergarten)
4. Kristen Delmonico – Parent/Art teacher in public school
5. Jackie Schell – Parent/Science Teacher in public school
6. Nina Clark – Parent/Director of local Pre-school

**Domain:** Advancement

**Committee Chairperson:** Christopher Kulick (Board member/parent)

**Committee members:**

1. Tom Cingari (Parent/business owner - Shop Rite)
2. Bill Hudock (Parent/business owner)
3. Erin Becker (Director of Advancement/parent)
4. Betsy Mercede (Parishioner)

**Domain:** Catholic Identity

**Committee Chairperson:** Maureen Belford (Board member)

**Committee members:**

1. Kevin Breen (Parent and on former CI committee)
2. Beth Carpanzano (CAS Teacher Primary)
3. Maureen Valenti (CAS Teacher Primary)
4. Josephine Mareno (Parent)
5. John Agostino (CAS Middle School teacher)

**Domain:** Enrollment/Marketing

**Committee Chairperson:** Danielle Jahn (Board member/parent) replaced Gene Alvarez in 2022

**Committee members:**

1. Jen Hanley (Director of Marketing & Communications)
2. Jaya Joseph (Director of Admissions/parent)
3. Kimberlie Yamane (CAS Teacher)
4. Deric Zaphire (Parent)
5. Joe Arconti (Parent)
6. Dan Jahn (Parent)
7. Dan Konopka (Grandparent)
8. Nicole Ferry (Executive Director of Strategy: Brand, CX, and Digital ~Sullivan)

**Domain:** Facilities/Finance (Combined)

**Committee Chairpersons:** Matt Murphy and Todd Michalak (Board members)

**Committee members:**

1. Yvonne Ng (Director of Finances + Facilities)
2. Harold Spitzfaden (Chairperson of the Board of Directors)
3. Fr. John Connaughton (Pastor of St. Cecilia/St. Gabriel Parish & Landlord)
4. Michael Matkovic (Parent/business owner of a window company)
5. Mike Hanna (Parent/attorney)
6. Craig Pucci (Teacher & Technology Coordinator)
7. Al Calerone (Custodian)
8. Christopher Gillespie (Director of IT for Diocese of Bridgeport)
9. Bradley Shelley – (Parent/Stamford Fireman)
10. Gaby Dunn (Board member/parent)

**Domain:** Governance

**Committee Chairperson:** Frank Browne (Board member)

**Committee members:**

1. Harold Spitzfaden (Board Chair)
2. John Regan, Esq (recruited by Frank)
3. Sydelle Exantus (Board member)

**Domain:** Student Life

**Committee Chairperson:** Gaby Dunn (Board member/parent) replaced Robyn Neto in 2024

**Committee members:**

1. Dan Gartner (Teacher/Athletic Director)
2. Karen Szymanowski (Assistant to Head of School)
3. Lisa Duddie (Teacher)
4. Rebecca Jones (Parent)
5. Irene Tawiah (Parent)
6. Star Miller (Parent)