



“We will live our faith, love God’s family and learn for the future”

**Advisory School Board Minutes**  
**Date: March 19, 2026**

***Attendance***

Board members and school leadership were present, including representatives from administration, faculty, parish clergy, and parent leadership.

***Opening Prayer***

Led by J. Wakley

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***School Updates* Presented by V. Hanks, Principal**

- Planning is underway for the **2026–2027 academic calendar**, with a Friday start date for students and a teacher in-service day to follow.
- Important liturgical dates for the upcoming year include:
  - Ash Wednesday: February 12
  - Annunciation and Holy Thursday occurring on the same day
- **IOWA and CogAT testing** will take place following Easter break.
- SHCS will welcome **Sister Yelitza** on March 23 in support of Catholic Extension.
- **Cognia reaccreditation surveys** have been distributed. Faculty responses are due soon, and a parent survey focused on Catholic identity will be shared in April.
- Upcoming student activities and events include:
  - Talent Show (11 student acts)
  - Second Grade Rosary Day
  - Stations of the Cross led by 7th grade (Holy Thursday)
  - 5th & 8th Grade Bridging Ceremony (April 17)
  - St. Patrick’s Day Parade (March 14)
  - Middle School Dance (April 10)
- **Faculty contracts** will be issued following final budget approval, anticipated in mid-to-late April.

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***Financial Update* Presented by J. Juckett**

- The **Knoxville Catholic Regional Fund** distribution timeline remains delayed.
  - The **Educational Savings Fund (EFS)** has processed 158 applicants to date.
    - This is lower than last year’s total of 251.
    - Some families may not have accepted awards.
  - Funding distribution is expected by June 30.
  - Outreach efforts will continue to support both returning and prospective families navigating funding opportunities.
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## ***Development Report*** Presented by E. Crawford

- Progress continues on the **new playground project**:
    - Final design adjustments have been made with no impact on the timeline.
    - Equipment orders will be placed within the next two weeks.
    - Groundbreaking is anticipated prior to the school auction.
  - **Annual Auction Updates**:
    - Approximately 400 guests are expected, with a goal of 420 attendees.
    - A **STREAM Lab initiative** will be featured, including demonstrations and informational materials.
    - New elements include a “Buy It Now” cross/crucifix table.
  - The planned **STREAM Lab**:
    - Will serve elementary students, with additional resources available for middle school.
    - Aligns with the current science curriculum and enhances **project-based learning opportunities**.
    - Builds progressively across grade levels to deepen student engagement and understanding.
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## ***PTM Update*** Presented by J. Wakley on behalf of K. Willard

- Upcoming events and initiatives were shared via recent PTM communications.
  - Planning is underway for **next year’s PTM leadership**.
  - The **Uniform Committee** continues to meet and will present updated recommendations by the end of April.
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## ***Admissions Update*** Presented by E. Widmer

- Current enrollment stands at **506 students**, with additional applicants in progress.
  - Admissions efforts continue as families finalize enrollment for the upcoming school year.
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## ***Committee Updates***

### **Advancement Committee**

- Continued work on the school’s **5-Year Strategic Plan**, with the next meeting scheduled soon.
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## ***Closing Prayer***

Led by a volunteer

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