

Erica Genzale

Board President

My name is Erica Genzale, and I am humbled and blessed to be able to serve as the Board President of Chesterton Academy of St. Michael. When common core came to our parish school, our oldest child was in kindergarten. By second grade my husband, Tony, and I realized this curriculum and approach to education was not going to work for any of our four children. The Holy Spirit led our family to a liberal arts school in the Catholic tradition. I had no idea how much a school with a mission that puts Christ at the center, an entire staff that live out their Catholic faith with such devotion, and an integrated curriculum that centers on the Catholic faith and teaches to the whole child would transform our family. Because of this school, we pray more as a family, understand why Catholics believe what they believe, and are constantly challenged to be the individuals God made us to be. When my oldest was in 4th grade, I realized no high school in the Catholic tradition with the liberal arts/classical approach to education existed in the area. So, I began this incredible journey of faith, formation, and learning where the Holy Spirit brought our board to this point of opening a classical high school in the Catholic tradition. As explained in the Holy See's Teaching of Catholic Schools, "schools are extensions of the home. The Church views education as a process that forms the whole child and seeks to fix his or her eyes on heaven." Central to CASM's mission **"To assist parents in forming Christ-centered leaders who are committed to the teachings of our Holy Catholic Church and prepared to live out their God given vocation in pursuit of what is true, good and beautiful"** is the goal of holiness and saint-making. Such formation will develop the type of leaders our world is starving for, and I am so excited to help and watch the Holy Spirit use CASM to transform society.