



TEURLINGS
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

To Channel His Spirit for the glory of God

Director of Advancement

Teurlings Catholic High School - Lafayette, LA

Position Overview

We are seeking a dynamic and visionary Director of Advancement to serve as the chief architect and ambassador of our school's advancement efforts. This key leadership role is responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive advancement program that supports our mission and ensures the long-term sustainability of our Catholic high school.

The Director will lead all aspects of fundraising, donor engagement, alumni relations, marketing, and communications while cultivating meaningful relationships with our community. This position requires a gifted communicator who can inspire and motivate diverse audiences through exceptional public speaking abilities and authentic personal presence.

Key Responsibilities

Strategic Leadership

- Develop and implement comprehensive advancement strategies aligned with the school's mission and strategic plan
- Provide visionary leadership for all advancement initiatives, ensuring measurable outcomes and sustainable growth
- Lead and mentor the advancement team to meet and exceed annual and long-term goals

Communications & Events

- Serve as a primary spokesperson for the school's advancement efforts at major events and community gatherings
- Direct planning and execution of advancement events, including galas, donor recognition ceremonies, and community outreach initiatives
- Collaborate with marketing staff to develop compelling narratives about the school's mission, vision, and impact

Fundraising & Development

- Cultivate, solicit, and steward major donors, alumni, parents, and corporate partners with professionalism and strategic focus
- Oversee annual giving programs, major gifts, capital campaigns, planned giving, and grant writing initiatives

- Oversee the management of donor databases, budgets, and advancement operations while building authentic relationships that inspire generosity

Qualifications

Required:

- Bachelor's degree
- Commitment to Catholic faith and enthusiasm for our educational mission
- Exceptional public speaking and communication skills with demonstrated ability to inspire diverse audiences
- Strong interpersonal skills appropriate for donor cultivation and relationship building

Preferred:

- Proven experience in fundraising, advancement, or development
- Strategic leadership experience with ability to drive results and take initiative
- Collaborative management style with experience mentoring professional staff
- Knowledge of advancement best practices including major gifts, planned giving, and campaign management

Personal Attributes

We seek a mission-driven leader who demonstrates integrity, professionalism, and serves as a positive witness to our Catholic values. The ideal candidate is a natural advocate for our school—enthusiastic, authentic, and strategic in approach. This role requires someone who is relational and approachable, building trust across our diverse community while maintaining the highest standards of ethical stewardship.

Why Join Teurlings Catholic High School?

At TCHS, we are passionate about forming the whole person. Our graduates carry the light of Christ into their communities, transforming the world through service, leadership, and love. As our Director of Advancement, you will have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on generations of students while working alongside a dedicated community of faculty, staff, and supporters who share a deep commitment to our mission.