

The **FALL 2026** CHURCHILL CHRONICLE

Write Your Own Churchill Story!



DEAR CHURCHILL COMMUNITY,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!

As we begin this new journey, we are excited to **write the next extraordinary chapter** in our Churchill story.

We can feel the enthusiasm on campus this fall! We are thrilled to welcome exceptional new faculty members, driven community leaders joining our Board of Trustees and we look forward to a festive calendar of events ahead. **Most importantly, our hallways are once again filled with the bright, eager faces of our students.** They are ready to stretch their minds, embrace new challenges and build upon their own success stories!

While every school year brings fresh energy, our child-centered philosophy remains unchanged. **We are compelled by a singular, unwavering mission: to deliver the finest, individualized, remedial education for children with learning disabilities and the support they need to achieve success and return to a traditional classroom.** Every program we design and every strategy we implement is focused on empowering our students to uncover their full potential and become advocates for their future.

We step into this year with immense gratitude for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,



Anne
ANNE EVERS
Head of School





FRIDAY
OCT 23
2026

SIP & SAVOR 2026

a celebration of beer | wine | food

To Benefit Churchill's Scholarship Fund

Cheers for Churchill!

Great music, exceptional food and an incredible cause -

our signature fall gathering is back! This is your invitation to connect with fellow Churchill families, alumni, friends and staff members for an unforgettable night out that **supports our Scholarship Fund.**

Celebrate with **live pop and rock favorites** from the Luke Queen Band, sample **unlimited local craft brews** and **premium wines and spirits** and enjoy **gourmet hors d'oeuvres** from area restaurant favorites. Plus, place your bids for exclusive items and experiences as part of our online silent auction.

Most importantly, every ticket sold and bid placed helps fund critical student scholarships, ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive at Churchill. **Let's make this year's event our most impactful one yet!**



*Don't miss out!
Get your tickets now!*



SCAN TO RSVP

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

WHERE: Churchill Center & School

TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

REGISTER: <https://trellis.org/sipsavor2026>



A LIFE OF *Purpose, Vision & Heart*

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CO-FOUNDER BONNIE SUMMERS WOLFARTH

This past July, our community suffered a profound loss with the passing of Churchill Center & School's Co-Founder, Bonnie Summers Wolfarth.

Alongside Co-Founder Perry Streett, Bonnie's visionary leadership, passionate advocacy and unwavering belief in children with learning disabilities reshaped education in St. Louis and beyond. Together, they built a place that has transformed thousands of lives, creating an enduring legacy through Churchill's programs, outreach and the countless families empowered by their vision.



We invite you to read our full tribute celebrating Bonnie's extraordinary contributions:

<https://www.churchillstl.org/blog/in-loving-memory-of-bonnie-barton-summers-wolfarth>



Churchill's Co-Founders Perry Streett & Bonnie Summers Wolfarth

BETTER TOGETHER: *Churchill's Parents Association*

OUR PARENT COMMUNITY BEATS STRONG THANKS TO THE DEVOTED EFFORTS OF CHURCHILL'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

What makes Churchill so special? YOU do! Our Parents Association (PA) is the heart of our school family, bringing us together and spreading joy all year long. Made up of parents just like you, the PA works behind the scenes to celebrate our incredible teachers, host unforgettable school events and build lasting relationships throughout our community.

WANT TO JOIN IN THE FUN? We'd love to have you! Whether you have an hour to lend a hand, a great idea to share or just want to meet other Churchill parents, there's a place for you here. Keep an eye out for upcoming ways to connect or reach out anytime to **Nikki, Jacque or PA Coordinator Sue McLaughlin** at smclaughlin@churchillstl.org.



*Please give a warm welcome to our
2026-2027 PA leaders:*



Nikki Kijanko
PA PRESIDENT

Parent to Kora in 6th grade



Jacque Kalder-Naber
PA VICE PRESIDENT

Parent to Oliver in 4th grade

MEET THE NEW LEADERS: *Shaping Our Next Chapter!*

We are thrilled to welcome our newest Board of Trustees members for the 2026-2027 school year.

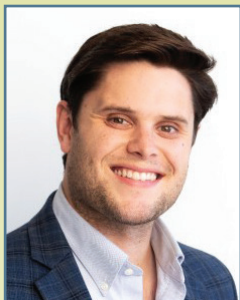


2026-2027 NEW TRUSTEES



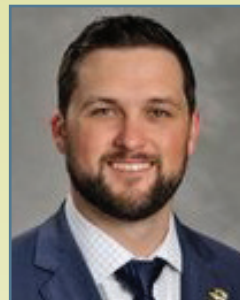
Jeff Burmaster

Current Parent &
Assistant VP of Business
Management



Richard Clements

Alumnus & Product
Management



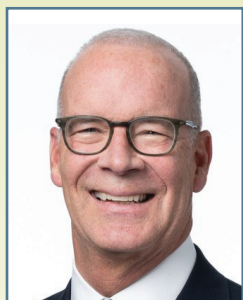
Ryan Hulsey

Alumnus & Financial
Advisor & Planner



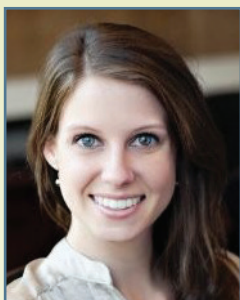
Raina McNutt

Current Parent x 3 &
Small Business Entrepreneur



Paul Trelstad

Parent of Alumna &
Retired Senior VP
of Sales



Marie Tustin

Current Parent &
Partner & Portfolio Manager



Tim Walkenhorst

Current Parent &
Financial Advisor



Nikki Kijanko

President, Parents Association
Current Parent & Business
Consultant

2026-2027 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Matt Courtney

PRESIDENT

Sarah Roche

VICE PRESIDENT

Jeff Todt

TREASURER

Zach Kratofil

SECRETARY

From our newest Trustees to our dedicated Executive Committee, this **exceptional team** brings unwavering purpose and vision to Churchill. Together, they guide our mission, empower our community and help write the bright future of our school. **Please join us in celebrating their leadership!**

Thank you to the entire Board of Trustees for paving the path forward!

Growing Our Churchill Family!

Our school is defined by the incredible educators who champion our students every single day. This year, we are thrilled to expand our team with a wonderful group of talented, caring professionals who share our mission and vision!



Molly Donovan

**SOCIAL STUDIES & SCIENCE
AND TUTORIAL TEACHER**

- BS in Elementary Education with Emphasis in Special Education, University of Missouri - St. Louis



Laura Radloff

**SOCIAL STUDIES & SCIENCE
AND TUTORIAL TEACHER**

- Bachelor of Journalism, The University of Texas at Austin
- MEd in Special Education, Hunter College, The City University of New York
- Certified in Cross Categorical Mild/Moderate Disabilities (Grades K-12)
- Licensed as Adolescent Special Education Teacher (Grades 7-12)



Renee Kouzomis

**AUDITORY VISUAL
AND TUTORIAL TEACHER**

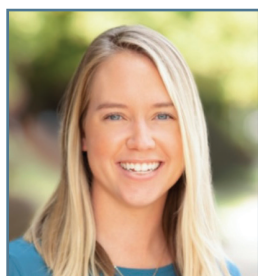
- BA in Psychology, Truman State University
- MAT in Special Education, Fontbonne University
- MA in Instructional Design & Technology, Fontbonne University



Shannan Robinson

**PERMANENT SWING AND
ASSISTANT TEACHER**

- BS in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education, Missouri State University
- Certified in Early Childhood Education (Grades PreK-3) and Elementary Education (Grades 1-8)



Abby Michel

**SOCIAL STUDIES & SCIENCE
AND TUTORIAL TEACHER**

- BSBS in Rehabilitation Science, University of Missouri - Columbia
- Minor in Psychology, University of Missouri - Columbia
- MEd in Special Education, Regis University



Anne Velez

MATH AND TUTORIAL TEACHER

- BA in Studio Art, The College of Wooster
- MEd in Special Education, PennWest University
- MEd in Innovation, Webster University



Montana Miller

**SOCIAL STUDIES & SCIENCE
AND TUTORIAL TEACHER**

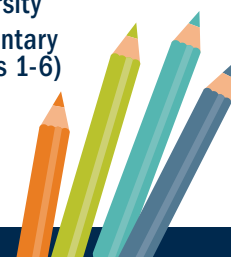
- BS in International Studies & Political Science, University of Central Missouri
- MEd in Educational Leadership & Administration (K-12), Northwest Missouri State University
- AFS Global Competence Education



Katherine Witte

**AUDITORY VISUAL AND
TUTORIAL TEACHER**

- BA in Elementary Education, Saint Louis University
- Certified in Elementary Education (Grades 1-6)

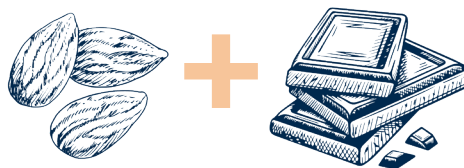


FALL FUNDRAISER: *31 Years of Sweet Success!*



We're nuts about this fall tradition! DeDe's Chocolate-Covered Almonds Fundraiser is back to make this season extra delicious while also **supporting Churchill's Scholarship Fund**.

Established in honor of DeDe Lambert, our cherished former Board President, alum parent and grandparent, this time-honored effort has **raised more than \$1M** for our school. And we're just getting started!



Why you'll love it..

- **DECADENT & DELICIOUS:** Each classic white box contains 1-pound of crunchy, chocolate-y, gluten-free and kosher goodness.
- **THE PERFECT TREAT:** Great for holiday gifts, client appreciation, office snacks or keeping all to yourself (we promise, we won't tell!).

Doing good has never tasted so sweet!

READY TO ORDER?

ONLINE ORDERS ONLY:

<https://trellis.org/churchillalmonds2026>



SCAN TO ORDER

Local pick-up is required. Online orders are due to Churchill by **Monday, October 19, 2026** at the latest.

ALMOND PICK-UP:

Almonds will be available for pick-up at Churchill during designated times on:

- **Wednesday, December 2, 2026**
- **Thursday, December 3, 2026**
- **Friday, December 4, 2026**

Questions?

Please contact Steph Slonka at sslonka@churchillstl.org or 314-997-4343.

SAVE THE DATE!

Tee it Up for a Cause:

THE 9TH BIENNIAL CHURCHILL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Monday, May 3, 2027, the Churchill community is gathering at the Log Cabin Club for the 9th Biennial Churchill Golf Tournament.

Since 2011, this tradition has honored Edwin (Ted) L. Noel, a dedicated former parent and Board President who believed deeply in supporting families in financial need. Together, we've raised nearly \$670,000 in scholarship aid, ensuring no family is turned away from Churchill due to an inability to pay.

Will your team take home the iconic Edwin L. Noel Memorial Cup this year?

Join parents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends for an unforgettable day of celebration, camaraderie and a little friendly competition.

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 3, 2027

WHERE: LOG CABIN CLUB

CONTACT: STEPH SLONKA AT sslonka@churchillstl.org

- Sponsorships available **Thursday, October 15, 2026**
- Foursome Only open **Tuesday, December 1, 2026**



Beyond Churchill: CELEBRATING OUR ALUMNI

THE CHURCHILL STORY CONTINUES WITH *you!*

From the inaugural class of '78 to our newest graduates, the Churchill connection doesn't end when you walk out off campus. We want to stay in touch, hear your favorite memories and celebrate every victory along your path.

**GO
BULLDOGS!**



WANT TO *Get Involved?*

We've been busy growing our Churchill Alumni Network and would love your input on upcoming events, resources and networking opportunities. Have two minutes? We'd appreciate it if you'd take our brief "[Beyond Churchill Alumni Survey](https://tinyurl.com/beyondchurchill)" to share your thoughts, let us know what you've been up to and stay connected.



SCAN FOR SURVEY

<https://tinyurl.com/beyondchurchill>

Save the
Dates

Don't Miss Out...

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP AT CHURCHILL



• **Thursday, October 15 – Friday, October 16:**
NO SCHOOL
(Faculty & Staff Professional Development)

• **Monday, October 19: Fall Fundraiser**
Chocolate-Covered Almond Orders Due

• **Monday, October 19: Experience Dyslexia®:**
A Learning Disabilities Simulation

• **Friday, October 23: Sip & Savor**

• **Monday, October 26:**
21st Annual College Opportunities Fair

• **Friday, October 30: NO SCHOOL**
(Teacher Work Day)

• **Monday, November 9: GRAND Day**

• **Friday, November 13: HALF DAY**
(Parent Conferences)

• **Monday, November 19:**

Wilson Reading System® Parent Seminar

• **Monday, November 19: Admissions**
Informational Session & Group Tour

• **Wednesday, November 25 - Friday,**
November 27: NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving Holiday)

• **Monday, November 30: Celebrate Churchill Day**

• **Wednesday, December 2 - Friday, December 4:**
Fall Fundraiser Pick-Up Days

• **Monday, December 21 - Friday, January 1:**
NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

