

**St. Raphael School Board**  
**Karyn M. Brown**  
***Excellence in Teaching Award***  
**2020-2021**

*“To touch the hearts of your pupils  
and to inspire them with the  
Christian spirit is the greatest miracle  
you can perform.”*

*Saint John Baptist de La Salle*



The St. Raphael School Board established the annual *Karyn M. Brown Excellence in Teaching Award* in 2008 to promote an awareness of teaching excellence in our school. This award was designed to give each St. Raphael parent, colleague, alumnus, student, and parishioner an opportunity to recognize the high quality of instruction that takes place on a daily basis in our school and to express his or her appreciation for such excellence.

***Award Information & Eligibility:***

- The award is open to all classroom and specialty teachers who served children at St. Raphael Catholic School during the 2020-2021 school year.
- A Nomination Form and narrative must be completed in order for a teacher to be eligible. All forms must be submitted to the school office (Attention: *Karyn M. Brown Excellence in Teaching Award*) by **Tuesday, May 4, 2021**.
- Each letter of nomination will be read and seriously considered by members of the School Board. On the basis of the content of nomination narratives, one award winner will be prayerfully discerned.
- A \$2,000 monetary award will be presented to the *Karyn M. Brown Excellence in Teaching Award* winner or his or her representative by the School Board President at the final student Mass of the school year.

***Award Criteria:***

Nominations must present clear and convincing examples of how the nominee demonstrates excellence by:

- Integrating **Catholic Identity** principles and values within instruction.
- Providing a **safe, secure, and peaceful learning environment** within which children are loved, respected, and nurtured.
- Creating a classroom structure that supports **academic excellence** as well as the **physical, social and emotional development** of students.
- Motivating his or her students to achieve excellence.
- Using creative and innovative methods to engage and guide students.
- Involving himself or herself in professional development and in applying learned skills within his or her classroom.

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| <b>Your name</b>   |                      |
| <b>Specify status (parent, student, alumnus, colleague, or Parishioner)</b>  |                      |
| <b>Your phone number</b>   |                      |
| <b>Your email address</b>  |                      |
| <b>Teacher you are nominating</b>  |                      |
| <b>I give permission for a copy of the attached narrative to be added to the teacher's personnel file (circle one)</b> | <b>Yes</b> <b>No</b> |

Complete the nomination form above and attach a single-page narrative that explains why you think this teacher qualifies for the *St. Raphael Catholic School Karyn M. Brown Excellence in Teaching Award*. Please include clear and convincing examples using the criteria below as a guide. Please note that it is not necessary to address all of these criteria.

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Please attach a single-page narrative to this form and submit both documents to the St. Raphael School Office (Attention: *2020-2021 Karyn M. Brown Excellence in Teaching Award*) by **Tuesday, May 4, 2021**. Thank you.

***Mrs. Mavis DeMar***  
*Principal, St. Raphael Catholic School*