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with  
Education  
Leaders

Here is a personal look at the educational leaders who set the tone at their schools to ensure superb curriculum, effective teaching and student success. Learn more about the philosophy that some of Pittsburgh's top schools are built on and how their leaders implement these ideas. *Pittsburgh Parent* recognizes these administrative leaders' dedication to students, teachers and parents.

## Mary Claire Kasunic, President

### Oakland Catholic High School



President Mary Claire with student

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Since 1992 Mary Claire has provided valuable insight from multiple perspectives: faculty member, parent, graduate of an all-female Catholic education, and visionary for the mission of Oakland Catholic High School.

As President, her focus is to continually enhance the opportunities provided so that every student can expand her knowledge, reach her greatest potential and become an agent of change.

Experience the proud tradition of academic excellence, spirituality-in-action, state-of-the-art technology and world-class facilities that Oakland Catholic provides.



## Margaret Ruefle, Principal Providence Heights Alpha School



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Margaret Ruefle has been proud to serve as the Principal of the Providence Heights Alpha School for the last seven years.

"This is such a special place. Our children are surrounded by a community of parents, grandparents, teachers, leaders, the Sisters of Divine Providence and even each other in a dynamic that I can only describe as family."

The Alpha school was founded in 1927 and boasts a long history of excellence in education. The four year old Pre-K to 8th grade program immerses students in an experience which utilizes small class sizes and a whole child approach to provide a rigorous and thorough education resulting in graduates who enter AP and honors classes in high school.

"It is vital for children to be happy in order to learn. They need

opportunities to investigate, question and challenge themselves. They deserve relationships with teachers who are passionate about the subjects they teach and have the skills to support student goals, be it writing a song or taking a project to science competition."

Principal Ruefle invites you to visit the fall Open House on October 9th and join the Alpha family.

Tradition. Innovation. Excellence.

