

## **Spotlight on a Board Member**

### **Member-at-Large: Colleen Blanchette**



We would like our parents to get to know your PTO Board Members and what they do for our school. These are people you have elected to represent you this school year. They are amazing people and we are very blessed to have them all.

#### **What is your current position and what are your primary duties?**

My current position on the board is Member-at-Large. I served as Vice President of Membership for two years prior to being elected by the board as Member-at-Large. My primary role is to offer guidance and advice to the board as needed. I also work with the chairs, Colleen King and Jennifer James, of the Mother/Son and Father/Daughter events to provide Kenrose parents and children fun, memorable evenings.

Besides being on the board, I also co-chair the Hospitality Committee with two fantastic women, Kris Helou and Lanesia Strange. I am the chair of the Boo Hoo Breakfast. I have served as a room parent for both of my boys' home rooms, helped with Family Fun Night, Back to School Bash, Book Fair, Donuts for Dad, Munchies for Moms and several other events. I have been involved in decorating for Veteran's Day programs, National Blue Ribbon Celebration, Tennessee Reward School Celebration and 5th Grade Promotion.

#### **What is your favorite thing about being on the board and volunteering?**

Prior to having my boys, I was a kindergarten teacher. Serving on the board and volunteering fulfills the love of being in a school environment. We are so blessed at Kenrose to have such amazing teachers and staff. Volunteering has given me the opportunity to serve and give back to those that work so hard to teach and take care of our children. My greatest joy is to do something for someone else that makes them smile. By volunteering, I hope I can do just that.

#### **Do you have any advice for others who would like to get more involved?**

There are so many different opportunities to volunteer at Kenrose. My advice would be to reach out to a friend, find a board member, look on PT Avenue, check the BEV or ask a Kenrose staff member how to get involved. There are small and big tasks and opportunities for things to be done at home or at school. Every volunteer is appreciated and important!