Principal Job Announcement

“Preparing Our Children to Achieve Their Purpose and Destiny”

Saint Sabina Academy, a Catholic Preschool through 8th grade elementary school located in the Auburn Gresham community of Chicago, seeks a mission-driven, faith-filled, collaborative, and inspiring leader to become its next principal. This leader will follow a dedicated principal of nearly three decades at St. Sabina, who will remain in a part-time emerita role to support the new leaders and the ongoing work of the school. This is an exciting career opportunity for a talented and experienced administrator who will embrace the vision and culture of the school while leading it forward.

Opportunity

The St. Sabina principal is the administrator, faith and instructional leader of the local school, oversees the fiscal vitality of the school, and serves as the executive officer of the local governance board in a Catholic school of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The ideal candidate will offer most or all of the following attributes:

- Excellent academic credentials, including an advanced degree in educational leadership and a current Illinois Professional Educator License with a General Administrative Endorsement;
- Practicing Catholic willing to serve as the faith leader of St. Sabina Academy;
- Relevant experience in educational administration;
- Substantial knowledge of and experience in school curriculum and pedagogy;
- Commitment to a the cultural and faith traditions of the students, families, and St. Sabina faith community, and appreciation for the varying needs of all learners;
- Exceptional communication, listening and presentation skills;
- Ability to work with Pastor, Big Shoulders Fund, and business manager to plan strategically and budget effectively;
- Commitment to professionalism, demonstrated through high standards, integrity, evenhandedness, strength of character, and a willingness to set and enforce appropriate boundaries with all constituencies;
- Demonstrated ability to hire, inspire, develop, mentor, evaluate and collaborate with a dynamic faculty and staff;
- Effective and collaborative management approach grounded in trust, respect, teambuilding, and delegation;
- Appreciation for the particular rewards and challenges of a Catholic school environment;
- Dedicated commitment to partnering with the Parish, School Board, Big Shoulders Fund, families, and other leaders in the community in order to lead the school in a professional, collaborative manner.
St. Sabina Academy ([https://www.stsabinaacademy.org/](https://www.stsabinaacademy.org/))

St. Sabina Academy provides a safe, faith-based, academically rigorous experience that prepares our students for lives of excellence, faith, love, and social justice. Our purpose is to educate the whole child through a global prism. St. Sabina Academy students have classes in foreign language, technology, Music, dance and African-American culture built into the curriculum.

History of the Faith Community of Saint Sabina ([https://saintsabina.org/](https://saintsabina.org/))

The history of the Faith Community of St Sabina is a celebration of life that gives witness to a legacy of faith, education, and service. This proud tradition of service began on July 9, 1916, when the first Mass was celebrated in a storefront on South Racine Avenue.

During the 1960s when the racial makeup of the community began to change, St. Sabina, under the leadership of Monsignor John A. McMahon, opened its doors to the new African-American residents, unlike many other churches in the area.

Today, St Sabina is a strong and prophetic faith community that continues to "celebrate history and make history." It is a church that speaks to the cultural, social and spiritual needs of the black faithful, yet has broken down the walls of race and denomination so that all feel welcome. Rev. Michael Louis Pfleger, Senior Pastor, The Faith Community of Saint Sabina, has served at the Pastor since 1981 when he became the youngest full pastor in the diocese. The Faith Community of St. Sabina has been recognized across the city, state, and nation for its commitment to social justice, outreach, and youth development.