



A Message to Our Community: An Important Update on School Leadership

Dear Families and Friends of St. Michael's School,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to share that Olivia Keffer has been appointed Interim Head of School for the 2026-27 school year.

Following a thoughtful review of the school's current needs and priorities, the Board concluded that Olivia is exceptionally well-positioned to lead St. Michael's through this next chapter. Her combination of educational leadership experience, deep institutional knowledge, and lifelong connection to the St. Michael's community makes her the right leader to guide the school forward. As many of you know, Olivia herself is a graduate of St. Michael's and has built meaningful relationships with students, families, faculty, staff, and alumni throughout our community. St. Michael's has been a constant presence throughout her life, making this appointment especially personal and deeply rooted in her love for the school and its values.

Currently serving as Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Olivia works closely with teachers and students from early childhood through eighth grade to support teaching and learning across the school. Through her work with faculty development, curriculum planning, and school-wide academic initiatives, she has developed a deep understanding of the school's academic program and the needs of its students and teachers. Her experience as both a current middle school teacher and school administrator, combined with her thoughtful leadership style and commitment to her students, positions her well to guide the school as we begin our next chapter.

In her own words, "Ever since attending school here as a child, I have felt supported, loved, and pushed to excel. St. Michael's has been a constant in all the seasons of my life, and I'm honored to be part of it today and into the future," Olivia shared. "I really am looking forward to getting to know families on a more personal level in the coming weeks and months."

We are pleased that this transition enables a full month of collaboration and overlap with our current Head of School, Christine Saunders. These two school leaders have worked closely together throughout the past year and will make the most of the coming weeks to ensure continuity, thoughtful planning, and a seamless handoff as we wish Christine well and welcome Olivia into her new role.

As we move through the final weeks of the school year, our attention remains on celebrating our graduating eighth-grade students and the important milestone ahead of them, while supporting our faculty and staff and warmly welcoming incoming families this summer and fall.

The Board remains confident in the strength of the St. Michael's community and deeply appreciative of the trust and partnership of our families during this time. We are grateful for the collaborative spirit that continues to define this school and look forward to the important work ahead together.

[Click here to read Olivia G. Keffer's bio](#)

With appreciation for your steadfast support,

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