



FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATE

Courtney Brooks is St M's new third grade teacher. She previously worked at the Collegiate School and Crestwood Elementary in Henrico County, where she served as third grade chair. Mrs. Brooks is skilled in teaching reading and writers' workshops and holds a bachelor's of science in liberal studies and education from Longwood University.

Julia Bryan-Diehl joins St. Michael's as head librarian after working as the children's librarian for Henrico County Public Libraries. She has also served as library liaison for Henrico County schools and worked to help families new to the U.S. with language acquisition for parents and children. Ms. Bryan-Diehl has a master's of library and information science from Dominican University in Illinois and an undergraduate degree in theatre performance from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Erbie Godwin, Middle School Division Assistant, will transition to part-time at St. Michael's starting in mid-September. An integral team member of the Middle School administrative team, Mrs. Godwin will be focusing her time on three major projects over the course of the year: Helping students and families with the high school process, generating report cards, and managing our Student Information System. Throughout the year, Mrs. Godwin will be training Ms. Arena Toro (see below) on the many other aspects of Mrs. Godwin's duties and responsibilities.

Deanna Gulick, one of two new kindergarten classroom assistants, has been working with St M's youngest students since last November. She has a master's degree in museum studies from New York University and two bachelor's degrees from George Mason University, one in art/visual technology and one in art history. She also is a Richmond Racers swim coach and a former St M substitute teacher.

Tracy Jebo, after serving as a substitute teacher last year, joins St M as a kindergarten classroom assistant. She has worked with preschoolers at Reveille Day School and River Road Church Preschool and elementary aged students as an instructional assistant at Tuckahoe Elementary School. Mrs. Jebo is the mother of Thomas, a sixth grade Dragon.

Jenn McCauley assumes the role of Lower School technology teacher. Mrs. McCauley joined the St M team last fall as an art teaching assistant and has a strong creative background in working with children in theater and art programs. A seasoned educator, she has taught in schools in New York, California, and Virginia. Mrs. McCauley brings a passion for technology, digital citizenship, and the balanced use of tech and media, along with her multi-media skills, to this new role.

Nena Meurlin joins St. Michaels as an Admission Associate. A mother of two Dragons (Murdoch '21 and Harrison 6th grade), Mrs. Meurlin has spent many years in volunteer roles at St M in admissions, development, and for the St. Michael's Parents' Association, along with serving as a highly-regarded substitute teacher in our classrooms. She knows both St. Michael's and independent schools inside and out and her warm and welcoming presence and passion for St. Michael's program and community make her a perfect addition to the admissions team. With a degree in photography from VCU, Mrs. Meurlin is also an exceptional photographer and has provided the School with gorgeous photos of our campus and student life.

Arena Toro is assuming the role of Middle School Assistant (or as she says: "junior Erbie Godwin in training") and is looking forward to another great year here at St. Michaels. Ms. Toro came to St M last fall as part of the extended day program expansion and then as a Middle School teacher's assistant for seventh and eighth grade. She has a background in both education and psychology as well as experience working with children pre-k through eighth grade. She looks forward to being mentored by Mrs. Godwin as Mrs. Godwin prepares for her retirement.