

Dear DC Family,

Hopefully, you all had a chance to read my earlier email regarding the exciting capital improvements taking place on our campuses. God has blessed us with exceptional facilities and our stewardship and enhancement of these spaces is a key area of focus for our institution.

Building a team of qualified and committed individuals to fulfill DC's mission and promise is an even more important endeavor.

July 1 marked the start of a new fiscal year at DC. As we now look forward to the start of our 71st year of Christ-centered education, I want to thank several individuals who are retiring after many faithful years of service to DC:

- Scott Bateman '74 - Lower School/Fifth Grade - The legendary Scott Bateman completed his 40th year of service to DC this year. His love of learning and the great outdoors instilled those same passions in countless DC students. We are confident God will continue to use him in many ways in the years ahead.
- Peggy Bell - Lower School/Third Grade (Previously Announced)
- Chuck Patterson - Upper School/Student Support Services - Chuck has served faithfully as a history teacher and in our Student Support Services since arriving at DC in 1990. In these roles, as well as his many coaching roles over the years, allowed Chuck to use his gifts to mentor and encourage students for three decades.
- Janet Smyth - Guidance/HoS Administrative Support (Previously Announced)
- Linda Unger - Upper School/Art (Previously Announced)

Collectively, these individuals have served at DC for a total of 191 years. Individually, they have invested in the lives of students whole-heartedly. They are loved, respected, and they will be missed. We pray for God's continued blessing on their lives as they begin new chapters in their retirements.

We also say goodbye to several individuals who are moving on to new opportunities and are grateful for their service to the DC Community.

- Carla Crawford - Lower School STEM and Math Enrichment
- Maria Garcia - Upper School Spanish
- Olivia Hughes - Lower School/First Grade
- Addison Martin - Upper School/Science and SAIL Coordinator
- Margaret Robbins - Lower School/Third Grade
- Liz Shackleton '12 - Middle School Math

Administrative Changes and Announcements

DC is also blessed with a strong team of administrators and staff members.

I am particularly grateful to the leadership provided over the years by Chuck Young and George McFarland. As previously announced, Chuck completed his tenure as Head of the Middle School at the end of this school year. He will continue to teach Middle School Bible in the coming year. Following many years in the classroom and administrative roles which included serving as Director of Operations this past year, George McFarland is transitioning to a role that will include coaching and support to our Development efforts.

Primary responsibility for school-wide operations will shift to CFO Laura Penley. She will continue to be supported by Julie Hegman in the Business Office. Lori Chung is assuming a part-time role as Director of Human Resources. Lauren Cavanagh will serve as the Upper Campus Receptionist and will work from the newly created reception area in the Great Hall.

We praise God that Russ Nixon is making continued progress in his recovery. In the coming year, Russ will assume a multifaceted role that includes serving as a special advisor to the Head of School, oversight of special projects, and major donor relations. Mark Seymour who served in a consulting capacity this past spring is taking on a new role as Director of Community Engagement.

Robin Bronkema will assume a new title of Dean of Academics and Distance Learning. In this role, she will continue to lead our student support services area and provide academic and curriculum support to the division heads, but will add responsibility for spearheading our ongoing distance learning initiatives. I am especially grateful for Robin's exceptional work these past months on our Distance Learning and School Reopening Plans as well as leadership of other curriculum initiatives.

Jim Favino is taking on a new and exciting role as Director of Innovation. This role supports our strategic plan initiative on a culture of innovation and will lead DC forward as we seek to provide an innovative and exemplary education.

Early Childhood Center Appointments

- Claire DiLullo Vesper '06 - Part-Time Music Instructor - Claire holds a B.A. in Music Education and Vocal Performance. She has taught at both The Collegium Charter School and Ardmore United Methodist Preschool.
- Sarah Ortiz - PK3 Teacher - Sarah is a graduate of Cairn University where she earned degrees in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. She joins us from Open Door Christian Academy in Fort Washington where she taught Kindergarten for the last four years.

Lower School Appointments

- Grace Newman '16- Third Grade - Grace is a recent graduate of Eastern University, Templeton Honors College. She holds a B.S. in Middle-Level Education with a

Concentration in English. As a DC grad, Grace brings a special affinity for DC and its mission. Grace student taught this past semester in Vera Coburn's fifth-grade classroom.

- Lori Sparks - Third Grade - Lori holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from the University of Delaware and comes with an extensive teaching background in private Christian and public schools in the greater Philadelphia and Lancaster County areas.
- Madison Moore Hallstrom '15 will move from Lower School Student Support Services to first grade next year.
- Vera Cobourn will transition from fifth grade to the Lower School Student Support position.

Middle and Upper School Appointments

- Thomas Chung '16 - Middle and Upper School Math (Previously Announced)
- Fred Garner - Upper School Spanish (Previously Announced)
- Sharon Guan - Middle School Math/Science and ESL - Sharon will move to a full-time position in the Middle School this year. She previously served in a part-time role as our Lower School Homework Club Coordinator and Middle School ESL Instructor.
- Kevin Skaer - Middle and Upper School Math (Previously Announced)

In closing, I again want to express my gratitude for all of our DC families. Your commitment to Christian education at DC has served as a great source of encouragement as we continue through these unprecedented times.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting this evening to review our proposed Reopening Plan. I plan to provide more details on the proposed plan on Monday, July 13.

Blessings,

Dan Steinfield
Head of School