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Dear Parents,

It is with great excitement and humility that I take on the role of Middle School Principal starting in the 2022-23 school year. In my 21 years as an educator with the past 13 as a school leader, I've been incredibly fortunate to learn from great teachers and leaders, and my seven years here has been no exception. I am so honored to serve in this role and continue the great work happening in the middle school. I believe passionately in the work we are doing to help students find the relevance and purpose in their learning, make connections across curricular areas, and learn about themselves, their place in the world, and the responsibility they have to make it a better place. And, let's not forget to have fun while doing it! I look forward to leading our dedicated educators as we continue this work.

Over my seven years as a deputy principal here at SAS, I have gotten to know parts of the middle school community very well - but there are other areas I need to understand better. So, in the spring, I will engage with parents, students, and educators to better understand what we are doing well, where we must improve, and what we can do to make SAS an even better place for everyone. There are subsets of our population that we hear regularly from - and others that may not be as comfortable coming forward to voice their opinions. We want our school to be a place where every student knows they are respected and valued, is able to be authentically themselves, and feels empowered to take action on issues that matter. In order to create that kind of environment, we will need your feedback. It's through a long history of seeking feedback and acting on it that has gotten us to where we are today, and makes SAS one of the most attractive schools in the world. I plan to continue this tradition by having an open door and an open mind, creating opportunities for all voices to be heard, so that we can work together to create the best learning environment for our students.

Finally, I want to share that this is deeply personal work for me as well. Next year, my children will both be in middle school—one in sixth grade and one in eighth. They are very different learners with different talents, demeanors, and needs as learners. I will continue to do my best to make sure that the middle school is a great place for them, and your children, too. I look forward to partnering with you to make that happen next year and beyond!

Warmly,
Chris