



Dear San Domenico School Community,

After almost 25 years of tremendous dedication and service to San Domenico School, Cecily Stock will be retiring from her position as Head of School. Cecily has been a valued member of our school community since she attended San Domenico as a student and graduated from the Upper School in the Class of 1977. Cecily began her years of professional work with San Domenico as a learning specialist and went on to serve as Academic Dean, Middle School Division Head, Assistant Head of School, and since 2012, Head of School. As a school leader, Cecily exemplifies the resilient spirit of our school and has led us through some of the most exciting and challenging times in our history.

During her many years at San Domenico, Cecily exhibited a deep love for our school's mission and community, and she has truly enriched the depth and breadth of innovative and responsive programming we offer to our students. Together with her talented and committed colleagues, Cecily led San Domenico to develop many groundbreaking programs across all grades K-12. From launching the first 1:1 iPad program in Marin County, to augmenting SD's Middle School mathematics curriculum to include honors-level geometry and many Marin Mathletes wins; evolving our school's religious studies classes to create an all-school department for Philosophy, Ethics, and World Religions; developing expanded computer science offerings and, as of this year, a unique Game Design Academy; and creating a Media, Filmmaking, and Digital Arts program that has seen our students honored at prestigious events such as the Mill Valley Film Festival and the 2022 All American High School Film Festival in New York City.

Cecily also played a pivotal role in welcoming students of all genders through to the Upper School; developing SD's current Strategic Plan and highly-praised 2021 CAIS Accreditation; leading San Domenico to receive a U.S. Department of Education National Green Ribbon Award for ecoliteracy excellence; expanding athletic offerings from 12 to 23 sports teams and winning regional and state championships along the way; developing thought-provoking performing arts that led to student and staff awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, National Young Arts Foundation Cinematic Arts, Theatre Bay Area, and the National Shakespeare Association Champion; and growing the school's diversity to include boarding students from throughout California, the United States, and 23 countries.

Cecily's care has touched the lives of countless students, families, alumni, and colleagues. She has led us with grace, strength, courage, and diligence through some of San Domenico's most significant moments, including keeping our school running smoothly through the pandemic, leading the national pivot to remote learning, and then resuming in-person learning for our day and boarding students.

With Cecily having had a sabbatical planned beginning in December 2023, she and the Board agreed that rather than her leave at the end of next year, it would be less disruptive to the program and community to instead appoint an Interim Head of School for the coming 2023-24 academic year. Cecily will continue serving in an advisory capacity during the transition year to help us build upon the legacy she has forged.

The Board has engaged with Educators Collaborative, a search firm with an impressive track record in the independent school sector, to partner with us in this important process. We will engage and welcome community input and feedback as we identify an Interim and permanent Head of School. Your voices and perspectives will be integral throughout the process.

As we reflect on our school's rich history, we cannot help but celebrate those such as Cecily who have devoted themselves to the success of our school. Carrying on a tradition of Dominican education that began in 1850, ours is a long and rich heritage with many chapters, and our commitment to providing our students with a mission-driven learning experience that is an incredible place to learn and grow remains strong. We are excited to continue building on San Domenico's legacy.

Thank you for your support and collaboration throughout this transition.

Sincerely,

Richie Goldman  
Chair, San Domenico School Board of Trustees