



Dear SAS Community,

I am thrilled to be joining you as one of your High School Deputy Principals beginning in the 2027-2028 school year. I spent two days on your campus earlier this month, and I am still thinking about it. The students were the highlight. They were curious and funny, and they spoke about SAS as if it belonged to them. Teachers asked me such thoughtful questions that I am still turning them over. I left campus knowing exactly where I wanted to be.

I have spent twenty-five years in schools, as a teacher, an instructional coach, principal, and now as Head of Lower and Middle Schools, where I lead two divisions, 500 students, and 70 faculty. But the real story starts in sixth grade. I struggled in math, and I was told to settle for what I was getting. One teacher would not let me accept that. She pulled me aside day after day, taught me what I had missed, and told me I was capable of far more than anyone was asking of me. I became an educator because of her. I have walked into every school with the same question: does every student here have an adult who refuses to give up on them? As Deputy Principal, I will support our teachers and make sure students are known by name, by strength, and by need.

I come to you as a lifelong learner in the most literal sense. Early in my career, a Fulbright Teacher Exchange lit a love of learning alongside people whose stories began somewhere different from mine, and I have carried the dream of international education ever since. I can hardly believe I get to live it with you. What excites me most is that the learning continues, and I get to do it with this outstanding community.

Outside of school, I am a mom of two adult children, and the unhurried days we spend together in the kitchen are my favorite days of the year. I am also a devoted plant mom, so I am already wondering what my collection will become in Singapore's humidity. My partner and I are avid travelers who will plan an entire trip around one meal. Please send us your hawker center recommendations.

I cannot wait to be in your classrooms, to learn what makes this school what it is, and to get to know all of you. Please come find me when I arrive.

With appreciation and excitement,
Shavon (she/her)