September 19, 2022

To the Saint George's Community,

It is with a heavy hear that I share the news that the 22-23 school year will be my last at Saint George's School. Many of you know that my school experience before SGS was overseas, working in and leading other IB Diploma Program Schools in Zambia, Aruba and China. A focus on the IB Diploma Program was what brought me to SGS.

I believe the Upper School community has grown and developed in myriad ways since I arrived in 2019. During my time serving the Upper School, the underlying factor of our accomplishments is collective efficacy:

1. We have increased assessment literacy and began using more common language to support student learning.
2. We have modelled empathy and compassion for students, especially during the Covid-19 crisis.
3. We have made positive shifts in instructional, collaboration, and assessment practices within the IB Diploma Program.
4. We have increased IB Diploma program scores in the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, and in multiple subject groups.
5. We have shifted, pivoted, and innovated every year to adapt our Advisory program to meet student needs.

During the worst of the Covid crisis, I felt so lucky that I was at SGS; this was a safe community for learning to continue. I have had the extreme good fortune to learn with the SGS Administrative Team, SGS students, SGS parents, and the incredible team of Upper School teachers.

My husband Mike and I have made the very difficult decision to leave the USA and return overseas. In July of 2023 I will assume a new position as high school principal at the International School of Panama, in Panama City, Panama.

It is my intention to be the best Head of Upper School that I can be this year in service of students, faculty, and families. I will continue to engage fully in all of the aspects of the SGS community, everything from cheering at soccer games, to chaperoning Casino Night, and engaging with student learning all the way to graduation.

Jamie Tender and the Administrative Team will begin the process to find the next Head of Upper School and I will do everything I can to make this a smooth transition for you and for the Upper School students.

Sincerely,

Francesca Mulazzi, Ed.D.