



April 19, 2024

Dear St. Michael's Families,

I am thrilled to share that Emily Sontag has accepted the invitation to serve as the next Head of School! She will begin in this role on May 28, 2024.

After Stacey Kinler announced her intention to retire at the end of this school year, we formed a search committee of school and church representatives. With intensive input from our teachers, the committee narrowed down the search from more than a dozen applicants.

Emily brings more than 15 years of experience in early childhood and elementary education at parochial schools in the New Orleans area to her new role. As a cradle Episcopalian, her knowledge and passion for our faith, and excellence in education made her the ideal candidate. She is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in early childhood education from the American College of Education.

She, her husband, and three dogs moved to Mandeville last year after their twin children, Kyle and Taylor Ann, went away to college. Emily is a member of St. Michael's Church and is already active in our community.

She is excited to join the St. Michael's Preschool team where she looks forward to connecting with our amazing faculty, families, and students. Be on the lookout for opportunities this summer to welcome Emily.



Sincerely,

The Very Rev. Robert Beazley Rector

