



Dear St. George,

If memory serves, it was a pleasant evening in March of 2005, and I was visiting with a group of school and church leaders in the St. George library when a member of the Vestry asked me an interesting question: ***“Where do you see yourself in five years?”*** Although this question was not unexpected in the context of the interview process for the next Head of School at St. George, it was as if God had pressed the pause button in my head at that moment. With time suspended, a jumble of thoughts raced through my mind as I tried to do the math in my head. *“Five years? Goodness - that is a long time! Lynne and I will be closing in on 20 years of marriage, and our third-grade daughter will be on the verge of high school!”* Temporarily flummoxed by thoughts of the future, I think I probably said something along the lines of, *“Hopefully, I will still be working at a great school like St. George in five years...”*

Honestly, I am not sure how I actually answered that question way back then. Little did I understand at the time that there would be no better school for me, and for my family, than St. George Episcopal School. Looking back, however, I do know this for certain: never in a million years could I have imagined all that God would be doing in and through the community of St. George over the course of the next seventeen years.

At the conclusion of every Chapel service, the community of St. George speaks in unison these words based on Paul’s letter to the Ephesians: ***“Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine...”*** Glory to God, indeed, for calling a strategic and dynamic Board; for assembling a fabulous leadership team; for providing an amazing and dedicated faculty and staff; for bringing us awesome families with joyful, gracious, kind, curious, humble, and talented students; for giving us successful capital campaigns for ambitious building projects and fantastic facilities; for leading us to create continuous program improvements; for numerous artistic and athletic triumphs and accolades; for encouraging us in enthusiastic service to others; for blessing us in partnership with the Church; for preserving us through a global pandemic. Together, through the power and grace of God, we have certainly done more than we could have ever asked or imagined!



After seventeen years of serving the community of St. George, however, God is now calling me to serve as the next Executive Director of the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES) beginning in July of 2022. It has been such a tremendous honor and privilege to serve St. George, and I am so incredibly humbled and grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of all that God is doing in this wonderful place. Despite my sadness over leaving my beloved St. George community, I am encouraged by the words of the apostle Paul, who reminds us all in Romans, ***“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”*** Through all the challenges and opportunities of the past 17 years, and through the challenges and opportunities ahead, God continues to ordain the community of St. George to be an extraordinary place that provides ***exceptional academic preparation in an inclusive Christian community, fostering love and respect for God, self, and others.***

Therefore, with a heart full of gratitude and love, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

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