

Dear Laurel Hall Family,

Please allow me to introduce myself as the incoming principal of this wonderful educational community. If I were to simply say that I am excited to begin my journey with Laurel Hall School, I would be understating the depth of my gratitude for the blessing which has united me with such a highly regarded faith-based community of teaching and learning.

I have enjoyed a fantastic career as an educator over the last three decades serving as a teacher and counselor at the elementary and middle school level, and for the past sixteen years, leading instruction as a secondary principal. Throughout my career, I have placed a great emphasis on my own spiritual, emotional, and professional growth. A leader is a teacher, and a successful teacher is one who never loses the desire, nor will, to learn.

In partnership with the Laurel Hall community, you will find that I am committed to leading as a member of a collaborative team of stakeholders, having one clear focus - the academic, social emotional and spiritual well-being of the child. To that end, I want to assure you that in focusing on the success of each Laurel Hall *child*, my duty and my pleasure, is to ensure that each *parent, teacher, staff and community member* is afforded the tools to contribute to our successes. Over the coming months, I look forward to developing the essential relationships with you in order to move students, as well as the overall school community, forward. You will come to know me as the highly visible, receptive, approachable and decisive educator who cares deeply about kids.

And of children, I would be remiss if I neglected to include in my introduction, the best part of whom I am - a father. My wife and I have been abundantly gifted with five beautiful kids. A son and two daughters in college, and two identical twin daughters in high school makes for a very rich and rewarding life.

Now, having become part of the mission - *Welcoming all people, Emmanuel Church and schools love, teach and serve through Christ* - my life is infinitely more complete.

Respectfully,

Jay Guidetti