

BEEVILLE, July 20, 2018 – St. Philip’s Episcopal School is pleased to announce Ms. Lindsay Horton as its new Interim Head of School. Ms. Horton fills the position following the retirement of previous Head of School, Mrs. Carol Reagan.

Search Committee Chair and Board President John L. Blackburn stated, “She will bring vision, inspiration and momentum to St. Philip’s Episcopal School while holding true to traditions and its founding values of character formation, excellence in academics, and spiritual growth. With a broad and successful background in education and business communications, Lindsay is uniquely qualified to lead St. Philip’s Episcopal School. Ms. Horton has pledged to work diligently to ensure St. Philip’s Episcopal School continues to provide the exceptional education and traditions that define the St. Philip’s school experience. We are confident that her remarkable experience, unique perspective and firm leadership will guide St. Philip’s Episcopal School into this next chapter in its history.”

Father Brian Tarver of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church and school board member said, “Lindsay is a proven, confident leader with a demonstrated history of building meaningful relationships in the community. She will be a positive role model for our students and an inspirational collaborator with our faculty and staff. Lindsay is a life-long learner whose strategic thinking will move the school forward to ensure that we remain one of the top academic leaders in Bee County and the surrounding areas.”

As an educator and administrator, Ms. Horton’s philosophy is based on the responsibility of shaping good citizens through rigorous and liberal education. She believes, “education has the ability to transform lives. Students continuously observe and engage with the world around them – it is our duty to give them the proper tools and equip them to think critically, know what is good & right, and always seek truth. Our students must learn how to navigate today’s world and understand how to use information to make well-informed decisions, to be resilient, moral, compassionate, confident individuals who can make positive contributions to the community, both local and global.”

Ms. Horton is wholeheartedly committed to creating a nurturing yet challenging atmosphere, where students take pride and find meaning in school traditions and curricular instruction. Her personal and professional experience in education reflects her knowledge and expertise in these areas. Ms. Horton comes to the table with over thirteen years of experience in private education in several capacities: as a student, as an instructor, and in private Christian accreditation. Most recently, Ms. Horton directed business communications and promotions for several businesses in town, including Coastal Bend Distilling, Co. School Board trustees and members of the search committee saw her experience in business & marketing communications as skills that can grow internal operations and lead St. Philip’s Episcopal School’s visibility in the community.

Ms. Horton completed her master’s in communication management from the University of Southern California, where she graduated *summa cum laude*, and earned her bachelor of arts in history, European studies, and marketing from Hillsdale College in Michigan. She attended Hillsdale Academy and Temecula Preparatory School, both classical liberal arts college preparatory schools that have shaped her perspective on private education. Ms. Horton lives in Beeville and enjoys exploring her new home state with her Australian Shepherd, Bailey.

ABOUT ST. PHILIP’S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL – Over the last 64 years, St. Philip’s Episcopal School has grown to become an academic leader in the community. Presently, St. Philip’s has two preschool

classes, three Pre-K classes, and one each of kindergarten through sixth grade classes. In addition, an extended care session is offered for parents who need after school care for their children. Early morning drop-off is also available.

St. Philip's is proud of our curriculum that challenges students above and beyond normal standards in elementary education. Our students successfully integrate reading, writing, Spanish, mathematics, and citizenship beginning in Kindergarten.

Through numerous foundations, endowments and fundraising, St. Philip's has recently focused on reinforcing our strong curriculum through the utilization of modern technology and science. Central to our mission as an Episcopal school, we foster our student's spiritual formation through daily chapel services and classroom lessons on moral decision-making. Our parents, staff, and students follow through on our calling as Christians by donating resources and time to others in need.

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