

LEONARDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Raider Students, Parents and Guardians,

With summer passing by so quickly, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself prior to the opening of the school year. It is with great enthusiasm that I have officially begun my new role as Principal of Leonardtown High School.

I have been with St. Mary's County Public Schools since 1989. I received both my Bachelor's and my Master's Degrees from West Virginia University. My first administrative role began at Green Holly Elementary where I was the Principal for eight years. For the past thirteen years, I have served as the Principal at Esperanza Middle School. I feel that leading Leonardtown High School is the next natural step in my career with St. Mary's County Public Schools.

I've already had an introduction to the Leonardtown community through my own children. Austin, my oldest, graduated from LHS in 2012 and Ali graduated in 2014. Both had a wonderful high school experience and transitioned to college seamlessly.

I am thrilled to call Leonardtown my new home! Its reputation in the county is one of devoted teachers and staff along with a community of parents and students who are committed to excellence. With the support and dedication of our faculty, parents and students, I have no doubt that LHS will continue to increase our student achievement, graduation rate and build upon its already fine reputation as a premiere high school.

Communication is the key to creating a successful school experience for both the students and the parents. There are several modes of communication that we will continue to use throughout the year such as: the Sunday night message, emails through the use of parent link, the school webpage, twitter and HAC. Please make sure both your phone numbers and emails are up-to-date. Should you need to schedule a meeting with a teacher, please contact your student's guidance counselor. To schedule an appointment with an administrator, please contact the main office.

One of my goals this year will be to ensure that the students continue to thrive academically, are involved in school activities and events, and are provided with a safe learning environment where they can grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally. Our first step towards accomplishing that goal will be to conduct a student survey at the beginning of the year. We will be looking for input from the students to make LHS the best school in the county.

Thank you to all who have come in to greet me or have sent a welcoming note. I truly appreciate all of your warm thoughts and wishes. I look forward to working with the Raider Nation, and I assure you that I will do everything in my power to help your students have a quality high school experience rich in learning, school spirit and excitement. With your assistance and support, this will be an excellent school year and we will continue to be Raider Strong.

Respectfully,

Jill Snyder-Mills

It's a great day to be a Raider!