

Good evening, everyone!

As we are planning for the 2025-2026 school year, you will soon see postings for hiring new members of the Wardlaw faculty and staff, including for the position of Athletic Director. As you saw last week, Kathy James is retiring. We are thankful for her numerous contributions to our school and wish her congratulations on this next stage in her life. All questions and/or resumes of interested applicants can be sent to my email. We are looking forward to meeting the new team members that will be added to our Wardlaw Family for next school year. Please be in prayer for the individuals that will fill these roles and the work they will do to serve our school and community.

The annual review of our Long Range Plan has been approved by the Board of Directors. I have included a copy [here](#) for you. One major part of this plan includes goals to continue to enhance our instructional programs to reach our full potential (see below and Ongoing Action Steps in the plan). For these goals, Heather Brown will be focusing on the instructional components outlined in the plan. To achieve this, she will continue to serve as the Director of Instruction, which is similar to a role as an instructional coach. The duties of Upper School Administration will fall under the leadership of the Assistant Head of School beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.

**Academic Excellence Objective:** Continuously take steps to improve the educational program to achieve higher levels of academic excellence by incorporating best practices and teaching strategies that encourage students to become lifelong learners grounded in a Biblical worldview

**Goals:**

Encourage and foster students' individual growth in relationship with Christ and service to others

Continue steps to implement higher levels of academic rigor and encourage students to become confident, self-driven learners for life

Build on our current culture of excellence in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities to encourage high quality learning in the classroom and strong leadership outside of the classroom

Continue to build a course of study that engages students to think critically and deeply providing opportunities for collaboration and development for decision-making and personal responsibility

We will continue to keep you updated as we plan for next school year. Have a great week!

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