

Spartan Spotlight: Ms. Andrena “Renee” Goodwin, Dean of Students



An educator for more than 22 years, Ms. Goodwin (who goes by her middle name Renee) joined Sedgefield Middle in December 2018 as the dean of students/eighth grade administrator. Prior to joining SMS, she taught social studies and served as a facilitator, predominantly at the high school level. As dean of students, Ms. Goodwin oversees transportation, manages the daily operations of eighth grade affairs, carries out incentive programs, provides teachers with instructional coaching and feedback, and assists with student behavior redirection.

“My work at SMS is an exciting privilege. I enjoy working with young people and ensuring they always feel welcomed, expected and cared for everyday,” she said. “After spending 20 years of my career in high schools, I wanted to renew my spirit in education by trying middle school. The best things about the middle school level are the hugs and watching the metamorphosis of the children as they become their unique selves.”

Ms. Goodwin holds a bachelor’s degree in history/education from Lander University, a master’s degree in Secondary Education from Charleston Southern University and a principal licensure from Gardner-Webb University.

A native of Moncks Corner, SC, Ms. Goodwin has lived in Charlotte for 10 years. Together with her husband, Quentin, she has a six-year-old daughter, Rylee, and a four-year-old son, Rowan. They also care for their 17-year-old nephew from the Bahamas while he attends high school here in Charlotte.

When she’s not cheering for DC United, her favorite soccer team, the hometown Panthers and Hornets, or Clemson University, you may find her settling into her favorite movie, “The Princess Bride,” or enjoying her varied interests outside of school – fishing and crabbing, reading, cooking, dancing, and exploring the city with her family.

