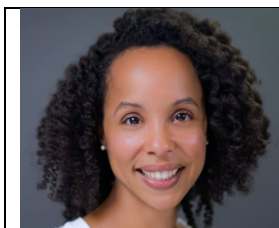




Welcome New St. Michael's Faculty and Staff!



Elisa Bennett, Spanish Teacher (Grades 2-5) and Instructional Technology

St. Michael's is pleased to welcome Elisa Bennett. Ms. Bennett was most recently a middle school Spanish teacher at The Orchard House School in Richmond and taught Spanish online to talented youth through Johns Hopkins University. Ms. Bennett spent a year teaching English at Nuestra Sra. Schoenstatt in Pozuelo, Spain, and prior to her time abroad, taught Spanish to grades K-7 at St. Catherine's. She also worked as a community engagement Spanish teacher through VCU. Ms. Bennett began her teaching career as an elementary Spanish teacher in Richmond Public Schools. She has a wealth of experience integrating technology into her instruction and helping others do the same. Ms. Bennett earned her undergraduate degree in Spanish and Education from the University of Richmond and her masters in teaching Spanish and culture from Universidad de Granada in Spain. In addition to teaching Spanish grades 2-5, Ms. Bennett will be working with Katie Best and Dave Grossman to help teachers, primarily Lower School teachers, integrate technology into their instruction.



Kristin Bultman, Kindergarten Teaching Aide




Kristin Bultman has been a lead preschool and childcare teacher at the Weinstein Jewish Community Center since 2015. At the JCC, she led a three-year-old preschool classroom, using a Reggio-Emilia inspired philosophy and integrating science and art in STEAM learning. Prior to the JCC, Mrs. Bultman was a preschool teacher at a community center in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she went to college. While an undergraduate she worked as a teaching and research assistant at the university as well as a developmental trainee for an organization serving children with autism. A native of Warrenton, Virginia, Mrs. Bultman earned her bachelor's degree in child psychology from the University of Minnesota. This fall she is starting a master's program in elementary education at Mary Baldwin University.






Ellis Chase, Middle School Extended Day

Ellis Chase will be working in Middle School Extended Day along with Jennifer Evans. Ms. Chase is a Richmond native and graduate of Elon College with a degree in Psychology and Creative Writing. She recently earned her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Richmond. A lover of the outdoors, gardening and yoga, Ms. Chase has worked at the Faison School in Henrico and is a preschool teacher at St. Christopher's School's "Little Saints" program. She also happens to be the proud aunt of a St. Michael's second grader!



	<p>Dawn Childs, Music Teacher for Grades K-2, Director of the Middle School Musical</p> <p><i>St M's new part-time music teacher, Dawn Childs, has more than 15 years of experience teaching pre-K through 12th grade music. At St. Michael's, she will teach K-2 music and direct the Middle School musical. Mrs. Childs directs three children's choirs at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and previously taught music at St. Catherine's and St. Christopher's Schools. She has also served as the high school music director and performing arts department chair at James River High School, as the middle school choir director at Tuckahoe Middle School and has taught private voice and piano lessons. Mrs. Childs earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University.</i></p>
	<p>Dave Grossman, Director of Technology</p> <p>An educator for 20 years with the last 12 in educational technology, David Grossman joins St. Michael's as the Director of Technology. Most recently, Mr. Grossman served as an instructional technology resource teacher for Henrico County Public Schools where he provided professional development programs and supported staff with instructional technology initiatives. Prior to moving to Richmond, he worked in technology and educational positions in St. Louis. Mr. Grossman began his career as a middle school social studies teacher and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and a master's in education administration from Lindenwood University.</p>
	<p>Charlotte Howard, Kindergarten Teaching Aide</p> <p>Charlotte Howard earned her bachelor's in kinesiology at James Madison University and her master's in rehabilitation counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University. She began her career as an early intervention service coordinator at Richmond Behavioral Health Authority, where she oversaw services for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities and their families. She then went on to serve as a behavior therapist at Grafton Integrated Health Network. There, Mrs. Howard conducted individual and group counseling and provided behavioral therapy and facilitated group activities to help build social skills. For many years, Mrs. Howard has also worked as the business manager at North Star Stables in Richmond, and most recently has also been working as an associate recruiter for a hospitality firm, EVF Management.</p>



	<p>Sarah McFarlane, Science Teacher (Grades 4, 5 and 6)</p> <p><i>Sarah McFarlane comes to St M from Millwood School where she taught middle and high school math, middle and high school science, and statistics during her tenure. She has experience in STEM education, differentiated instruction and project-based learning and has been an instructor in St. Catherine's Brilliant Summer program. A graduate of St. Catherine's, Ms. McFarlane has an undergraduate degree in animal science from Colorado State University, an associate's applied science degree in veterinary technology from Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology and a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Phoenix.</i></p>
	<p>Sarah Munro, Extended Day (Grades 2-5)</p> <p><i>Sarah Munro joined the Extended Programs staff last year as an assistant two days a week. This year, she comes on board on a more regular basis, working with second through fifth graders in Extended Day. A native of Perth, Australia, Sarah graduated from J.R. Tucker High School and is currently studying International Social Justice at Virginia Commonwealth University. She has a wide range of talents and interests, including travel (she just returned from a month in Peru), creative writing, and music.</i></p>
	<p>Yarden Murray, First Grade Teacher</p> <p><i>Yarden Murray joins the faculty as a first grade homeroom teacher. Prior to moving to Richmond, Mrs. Murray taught fourth grade and kindergarten at St. Anne's-Belfield School in Charlottesville, where she began her career as a preschool teacher at Congregation Beth Israel. She has training and experience with Responsive Classroom, Singapore Math and Lucy Calkins's Writer's Workshop approach. Mrs. Murray has a bachelor's in psychology from George Mason University and a master's in elementary education from the University of Virginia.</i></p>
	<p>Chuck Robinson, Physical Education Teaching Fellow, Middle School PE Classes</p> <p><i>Chuck Robinson will be our Physical Education teaching fellow, working in Middle School PE classes. Mr. Robinson worked from 2016 to 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Huguenot School serving many roles including associate athletic director, associate director of alumni relations, health and PE teacher, strength & conditioning coordinator and head football coach. He is a USA Weightlifting Sports Performance Coach. Prior to BSH, he worked for seven years at St. Christopher's School as a coach (football and basketball), equipment manager, and eventually athletics coordinator. He began his career as a football coach at Lenoir-Rhyne University and a compliance intern for the Colonial Athletic Association. Chucks holds a B.A. in Sociology from Randolph-Macon College and an M.A. in Sports Leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University.</i></p>



James Romanik, Director of Development

James Romanik comes to us from Grace Church, one of the largest and most prominent Episcopal churches in Manhattan, where he was Assistant Director of Membership & Communications, equivalent to a director of development position.

He directed Grace's \$1.2 million annual fund, placing emphasis on leveraged use of databases and strengthening member communications. He also worked as Grace's webmaster and directed its social media accounts. Almost immediately upon his arrival, Grace embarked on a \$2.6 million capital campaign. He worked with a consultant to train campaign volunteers, track solicitations, produce collateral campaign material, and plan events. The campaign exceeded its goal, raising \$3.2 million.

Before his time at Grace, Mr. Romanik worked at The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children as a Development & Communications Coordinator. He holds a bachelor's degree in arts management with a minor in writing from Ithaca College.



Emerson Underwood, Extended Programs, lead teacher for grades 2-5

Emerson Underwood will be the lead for the 2nd-5th graders in Extended Day. He just returned to the East Coast after spending this third summer as a camp program coordinator for Sanborn Western Camps in Florissant, Colorado. Sanborn Western Camps has been running outdoor experiences (camping, riding, canoeing, fishing, swimming, mountain climbs and backpacking in the Rockies) since the 1940s. A Charlotte, North Carolina native, Mr. Underwood has a great love and knowledge of the outdoors and how to connect students to it. He earned his degree in Environmental Science from the University of South Carolina.