



WELCOMING

FREDERICK W. WILLIAMS

Dear Rectory Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Search Committee, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Frederick W. Williams has been appointed the fifth Head of School, effective July 1, 2009.

Fred, who impressed us as a proven leader with an outstanding record of excellence in independent schools, comes from a family of educators. Since 2003, Fred has been Head at Green Hedges School in Vienna, Virginia, and from 1999 to 2003, he was Head of the Upper School at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School in Washington, DC. Closer to Rectory's campus, he spent eleven years at The Fenn School in Concord, Massachusetts, serving as Head of the Upper School from 1995-1999, after teaching grades 6 through 8. An avid snowboarder, he has also coached soccer, football, hockey, and tennis.



A graduate of Lawrence Academy in Groton, Massachusetts, Fred received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston University in history, with a concentration in modern Europe, and the Master of Education degree in educational administration from Lesley University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Fred's father, Ben, served on the faculty at Pomfret School and, later, was Headmaster at both Lawrence Academy and Worcester Academy. His late mother, Nancy, taught here at Rectory. His brother Ben has served as Head at Cate School in Carpinteria, California, for a number of years, and his brother Joe is Assistant Head of Kimball Union School in Meriden, New Hampshire.

Fred and his wife, Marcia Bennett Williams, have two daughters, Lindsey and Holly. The Williams family has always considered Pomfret their home, which is a joy to the elder Ben, who resides here.

Many thanks to the other members of the Search Committee for their time and diligence:

Eduardo Andrade '84
Mary Ames
Chris Burner
Garfield Danenhowe, M.D.
Bradford Seaward
Henry Smith '76
Jacqueline Smith
Marie Jeanne Therrien

The Search Committee appreciates the professional guidance we received from Gregory Floyd and Hope Prockop.

Also, deep thanks go to the dedicated faculty at the School who, along with the students, were an essential part of the process. Each of the final seven candidates took a campus tour, and then met for 45 minutes with the Faculty Focus Group prior to meeting with the Search Committee. The candidates spoke of their favorable impressions of our faculty and noted that our students showed genuine pride in their school and teachers. In the estimation of each candidate, The Rectory School is, indeed, a unique and special place.

We look forward to the remainder of the year under the leadership of Tom Army and want to express our profound gratitude to him for nineteen years of commitment to the School.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the Williams family as they prepare to become part of the Rectory community, and to Fred, who will build on past successes and lead the School to new heights.

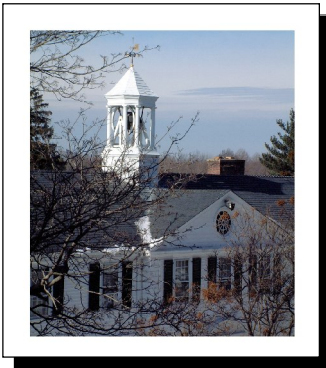
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John V. Frank". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "F".

John V. Frank '52
President, Board of Trustees

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Rectory School's mission is to provide students, both early childhood and middle school adolescents, with an enriched and supportive academic, social and ethical community that addresses individual learning styles, aptitudes and needs while promoting personal self-worth and accountability. The school community lives the Rectory School Creed: Responsibility, Respect, Honesty, and Compassion.

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