

Tomikia Whitmire

Head of School



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I feel extremely blessed to be the Interim Head of School of Spartanburg Preparatory School. It is a stewardship I take very seriously. I believe in teaching the total child and deem it extremely important each child has as positive a school experience as possible. We have a very special faculty at our school that cares deeply for children. The well-being of every student's academic, physical, emotional and social growth is paramount at SPS. It is my goal every day to become a better person than I was the day before and to help students do the same.

In today's world, we are trying to get children to be "thinkers" instead of just memorizers. The task of teaching all subjects today truly depends on teaching children the ability to read, comprehend, and analyze. Learning has become more inquiry-based with critical thinking and multi-step tasks. Working together as a team can better allow us to prepare our students to be successful in the global world in which they live. Please help your child find a time and place to study and read. I encourage you to read with your child every day. Ask them questions about what they are reading, have them think deeper about the content, and have daily discussions about their day.

I graduated in December, 2008 from Limestone College in Gaffney, South Carolina with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. I have also received a Master's Degree in middle level teaching with an emphasis in math and an Ed.S in Educational Leadership and Administration, both from Liberty University. I am currently pursuing my Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Administration from

there as well. I am a happily married mother of two beautiful daughters, ages fifteen and nineteen. My hobbies include spending time with my family, reading, volunteering in the community, shopping, and traveling.

I am looking forward to an awesome 2017-2018 school year!

Favorite Quotations:

“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” (Maya Angelou)

Every student can learn, just not on the same day, or the same way.” (George Evans)

“If A child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.” (Ignacio Estrada)