

Building Confidence

Dear Friends,

Happy 2019! The school-wide theme for this year is Shaping the Future: Path and Purpose. In an effort to get away from students “checking the boxes” as they matriculate through school, we encourage them to incorporate the attributes from the International Baccalaureate (IB) Learner Profile – Thinker, Communicator, Principled, Reflective, Open Minded, Balanced, Risk Taker, Inquirer, Caring, and Knowledgeable – to become lifelong learners. When students are mindful and purposeful in their individual approach to their education, we see them better prepared when they leave Saint George’s.

Working in alignment with this theme, and coming out of our marketing work last year, we have adopted a tagline of *Inspiring the Confidence to Serve and Lead*. We also have asked families, past and present, to share stories of how their children have built their confidence through the SGS educational experience. It has been inspiring to hear stories of students leading from the stage at the Lower School Friday morning meetings; generating Genius Hour projects in the Middle School; and winning a State Championship or an Academic State Championship in the Upper School. These type of experiences play out over and over during a student’s time at SGS. Stay tuned for testimonials to share with others that tell of the SGS impact on our students.

Saint George’s students build confidence through academic, athletic and artistic pursuits, and we have heard from students that their level of confidence increases when they attend college. They often find themselves equally or better prepared than their peers for college study. At Saint George’s, we also believe in building skills of resilience. We hope students will have the ability to overcome obstacles and setbacks

while at SGS as part of their preparation for life. It is not uncommon to hear stories of students being overwhelmed at college; SGS students seem to be well-prepared for the work load of college, have developed time-management skills, and know how to explore new opportunities. (I refer back to the attributes of the IB Learner Profile above.)

It continues to be a privilege to serve Saint George’s School and work with our talented students and dedicated faculty and staff to provide the premier educational experience in Eastern Washington. Each year brings successes and changes, and this year is no different. We are thrilled to be embarking on a new building project to replace the “temporary” Lower School Art trailer with a new facility for Lower School Music and Lower School/Middle School Art, made possible by a generous gift from an anonymous donor. (See page 14 for more details.)

Saint George’s remains a treasure on the banks of the Little Spokane River. We look forward to the remainder of the school year and all that our students and community will accomplish between now and the graduation of the class of 2019!

Sincerely,

– Jamie Tender, Head of School



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Lower School Art Building to be replaced by a new Art and Music facility