

Cabin John Middle School

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Hello Cabin John Middle School Students and Families:

I hope you are having a great summer! I am writing to formally introduce myself as your new Principal. I am truly honored to join such a great staff and to be able to learn and grow with you all in the coming years. I have already had the opportunity to work closely with the Cabin John Middle School (CJMS) leadership team and I am genuinely excited about the plans and direction we have developed for the upcoming school year.

It is honor to assume the position of Principal from Dr. Paulette Smith. Her many years of service to the school and the community are to be commended. I know that CJMS has benefited from her guidance and hope to continue the legacy of success that so many have worked to build at the school.

I want to share just a little about myself. While I was born in Pittsburgh, PA and spent some years in Ohio, the majority of my life I lived in Memphis, TN before moving to Frederick, MD and joining Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) as a teacher. I spent several years at Roberto Clemente Middle School where I served as both a Team Leader and Content Specialist. In addition to several years of curriculum writing and professional development in the MCPS Social Studies office, I have spent the last six years as an administrator, including five years at Churchill High School. I am glad to be back working at a middle school because I believe that the combination of structures to support student development and the opportunity to see students growing into young adults makes the middle school experience a unique and exciting challenge.

I am looking forward to leading and working at Cabin John Middle School. The wonderful PTSA has graciously agreed to host Meet and Greets for the community. This will give me the opportunity to share my vision for the school and get a chance to meet the parents and students in the community. If you are available, please join us at one of the following events:

- Thursday, July 28 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, CJMS Media Center
- Wednesday, August 24 from 7:30 am to 8:30 am, CJMS Media Center
- Tuesday, September 8 from 6:45 pm – 7:00 pm, before Back to School Night

I consider it a great privilege to work as your school's principal and I promise I will do my best to be a worthy leader for you and the students of Cabin John Middle School. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

John Taylor
Principal