

WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Woodstock Middle School Students, Parents, Families and Friends,

It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Principal of Woodstock Middle School. I am honored to have this opportunity to lead such a proud community school with a long tradition of excellence and service. Furthermore, I deem it a great privilege to work alongside such a dedicated staff committed to going above and beyond the call of duty for the students of Woodstock.

I have been dedicated to the field of education for the past 25 years and have worked as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, director and highly specialized advisor during my time with Memphis City/ Shelby County Schools. During my tenure as a principal of two middle schools, both were named Reward Schools by the Tennessee Department of Education within one year. I am excited to bring my background and experience of leading award-winning schools to Woodstock and look forward to partnering with you to ensure every student's success.

As I begin planning for the upcoming year, I am energized and deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of our students. We will accomplish this by setting high academic expectations for all students and providing structured, supportive systems to assure expectations are met. By focusing on creating a school culture with consistent, high expectations for student behavior and instructional engagement; establishing high standards for rigorous, daily instruction and teacher performance; and enhancing family and community engagement, it is my goal to ensure all students leave Woodstock with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to successfully pursue any college or career dream they desire.

As we embrace the challenges of an unprecedented future, we will continue to cherish and celebrate the traditions of the past and work continuously to build on the successes of Woodstock Middle. By building strong relationships with parents, students and community partners, Woodstock Middle will be a wonderful and unique place to learn and grow.

As your principal, it is important to me that everyone who walks through our doors – teachers, students and parents – feel valued and welcomed. I look forward to meeting with all of you and please, feel free to contact me at <u>smithmcbridet@scsk12.org</u> with any questions, concerns or ideas you would like to share.

I am looking forward to working with you and your students as we work toward an academically successful school year. **GO AGGIES**!

With children forever in mind.

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Mrs. T. S. McBride Principal

