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SJS hires new assistant principal

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BUCKMAN

St. James Catholic Regional School has hired Mechelle Buckman as the school's new assistant principal.

Buckman will play an integral role in curriculum development, student and teacher support services and fostering innovation through collaboration with teachers, staff, students and families, according to a school news release.

Buckman has spent more than 25 years in education, including as a classroom teacher, reading interventionist, migrant program director, collaborating with teachers as a school instructional coach and providing guidance and support to new teachers as a mentor teacher.

"We are very excited to be able to welcome Mrs. Mechelle Buckman to St. James Catholic (Regional) School," Father Michael Wimsatt, pastor, said in the news release. "Her rich background and leadership skills will bring a wealth of expertise and passion to St. James for our students, staff, and community."

Buckman received her bachelor of science in elementary education and masters in curriculum and instruction from Western Kentucky University and Indiana Wesleyan. She also has her Rank 1 Kentucky license.

Buckman said she is eager to work with administration, faculty and staff to increase student achievement and expand on the culture and commitment of academic excellence that has been a tradition at SJS.

“As a new leader at SJS, I’m looking forward to an amazing opportunity where my passions can help inspire teaching and learning endeavors while building healthy relationships with all students, families and staff,” Buckman said in the release. “My goal is to ensure every child is provided with an exceptional educational experience where academic achievement, social-emotional wellness and spiritual growth are a priority. I am confident that together we will further enhance an already thriving community of students.”

Buckman was born and raised in Rineyville and attended St. Brigid Catholic School in Vine Grove.

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