

VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL



November 2009

An Open Letter to the VES Family:

As a member of the VES Family, you are important to us. It is my great pleasure, then, to share with you advanced notice of the appointment of the school's new Headmaster.

From a field of more than fifty candidates, one emerged as the clear choice of our nine member search committee. Their strong recommendation, now unanimously ratified by me and my fellow trustees, was to appoint Mr. G. Thomas Battle, Jr. as our twelfth Headmaster. A member of the VES Class of 1983, Tommy is distinguished as the first alumnus to hold this prestigious position. Please see the enclosed press release and visit [www.ves.org](http://www.ves.org) in the days ahead for more information.

Tommy, his wife Mary Stuart, and their three children, Lelia, 11; Thomas, 9; and Grace, 3, will officially take up residence at VES on July 1, 2010. As a school community, we are all very excited to welcome the Battles to the Old 160.

The Board of Trustees has had no more important role than that of hiring (and now supporting) Dr. Hadley's successor. Please join me in thanking our search committee: Co-chairs, Bob Kluttz '66 and Parker Lee '67, faculty representatives, Patti Culbreth and BK Mundy '67, trustees, Joe Brewer '81, Frances Bullock, Terry Sherrill '73, and VES' eighth Headmaster, Sandy Ainslie.

Please also join me in welcoming Tommy and his family to VES. We are looking forward to exciting years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Barber".

James B. Barber '63  
Chairman, VES Board of Trustees  
Member, Head of School Search Committee