



December 16, 2009

Dear Members of the Serviam Girls Academy Community;

On behalf of the Board of Director's, it is with great enthusiasm and confidence that I announce the appointment of Ms. Jeanne Rapley as the new Executive Director of Serviam Girls Academy beginning January 1, 2010. A native of Delaware, Jeanne has had a long and successful career in the U.S. Army working as a lawyer in both active duty and on reserve status. During her military career she served in various leadership capacities which has provided her with a breadth of leadership and management skills. More recently, Jeanne has dedicated her time and expertise towards advocating for women and girls with Child, Inc. and with the Girl Scouts. Jeanne is recognized in both organizations as a leader who strives to create an inclusive environment to promote a sense of community, awareness and mutual respect. Jeanne brings to SGA a wealth of experience and expertise, a commitment to the greater Wilmington community and a deep passion for the rights of both girls and women. We welcome Jeanne to the Serviam community. Jeanne looks forward to meeting with you all when you return from break.

The Board of Directors would also like to offer our deep gratitude to Ms. Anne Weber for her tremendous commitment to Serviam Girls Academy. As SGA's first President, Anne's vision, dedication to the mission and perseverance has allowed SGA to move from an idea to a school with a beautiful new home and an excellent faculty and staff committed to providing a quality education to our 35 wonderful girls in 3 grades. We wish Anne the best as she transitions to her new life in Virginia and thank her for all that she has done over the last two years.

This Fall has been a time of transition and waiting. In this Advent time of waiting, we look with hope for the coming of our Savior. How blessed we are to believe in a God who offers us hope in a Savior that dwelt among, who knows the challenges we face and the pain we bear, and whose profound love for us never ends. Our faith holds the promise of a new tomorrow when the lion may lay down with the lamb and peace will prevail in every city, country and heart. May you and your family have a blessed Advent season and a merry, healthy Christmas. As we begin 2010, may we embrace a renewed hope and commitment to the mission of Serviam Girls Academy.

Blessings,

Peggy Prevoznik Heins,
Chair, Board of Directors