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St. John School, located in Ellisville, Missouri, proudly announces Dr. Jessica Bergtholdt, as new Head of School.

A private, Christian school located in West County, St. Louis, St. John School is recognized for providing a *personalized learning approach* to students ages 2 through 8th grade. Their mission is to cultivate confident learners and leaders who embody real-life success skills: integrity, grit, empathy, self-direction, and self-advocacy.

Currently serving as Assistant Principal for Crestview Middle School in the Rockwood School District, Bergtholdt is no stranger to cultivating future leaders. During her tenure, Crestview earned recognition as a *National School of Character*. Dr. Bergtholdt exudes passion for education and dedication to academic leadership. She also brings experience coaching teachers using the personalized learning model.

“We all learn in different ways. Learning is a continuum, and learners demonstrate mastery of concepts at different times. I am passionate about the personalized learning model at St. John School because it is tailored to meet the strengths of each learner while also providing personalized strategies to improve areas of growth. It sets children up to be life-long learners. I have personally seen the benefits of this model with my twins, who are very different learners, in the same 1st-Grade class at St. John. I am excited to be part of the future of this innovative learning community,” shared Bergtholdt.

St. John School is a ministry of Pathfinder Church, a church focused on whole-life growth, where Bergtholdt and her family have attended since 2018. Dr. Bergtholdt and her husband, Tyler, have also been St. John School parents since 2019.

“My devotion to the profession helps me build relationships, motivate others, and be a multiplier for the school community. As Head of School at St. John, I plan to make a valuable contribution to the school and church community,” says Bergtholdt.

The St. John School community welcomes Dr. Jessica Bergtholdt as Head of School, effective July 1st. Her experience in community outreach, school finance, curriculum evaluation, and implementing culturally-relevant school practices, will advance the mission of the school and the success of its students.

Learn more about St. John School at stjls.org.