

Jay Riven

Mr. Jay Riven has served as Head of Middle School at Parish Episcopal School in Dallas since 2010. Parish is a Pre-k–12 Episcopal school of 1100 students, and Mr. Riven manages a division of 380 students (grades 5-8) and more than 40 teachers and staff. Jay has overseen significant changes at Parish, including the development of e-portfolios for middle school students, STEM initiatives, the development of interdisciplinary programs, the establishment of a partnership with the University of Dallas Center for BrainHealth, and the creation of a public speaking program in the middle school. Jay continues to teach a 6th Grade Ethics course. Among his myriad responsibilities, Jay has served as an Advancement Associate, serving on the Capital Campaign Committee. He also co-chairs the Grandparent Giving Program. Jay has served on numerous committees at Parish, including the Finance and Advancement Committees of the Board of Trustees, the Middle School Scheduling and Curriculum Review Committee, and the Committee to Reimagine All-School Technology. Before coming to Parish, Jay served as Head of Middle School at Valwood School in Valdosta, Georgia for four years. He also served as teacher, coach, Academic Dean and Assistant Head of the Middle School at Pace Academy in Atlanta for six years. He has presented at the NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools) Conference and was editor of *The Head's Handbook* published by NAIS in 2010. Jay graduated with a B.A. in Communications from Northwestern University and earned Masters Degrees both in Educational Leadership at Georgia State University and Social Work at The University of Texas.