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St. Mary’s Ryken Names Dr. Edward T. Weiland
Dean of Student and Faculty Life

St. Mary’s Ryken recently named Dr. Edward T. Weiland of Lexington Park to be the Dean of Student and Faculty Life. As dean, Dr. Weiland will ensure that students adhere to the code of conduct expected of all St. Mary’s Ryken students, and he will help mentor new teachers.

Dr. Weiland is retiring from the St. Mary’s County Public School system where he was the director of human resources for the past eight years. He began his career as a teacher at Chopticon High School and his distinguished career in education includes principalships at Leonardtown and Chopticon high schools and Southern Middle School in Anne Arundel County.

Dr. Weiland received his bachelor’s from St. Mary’s College of Maryland and his Ph.D. in educational policy, planning and administration from the University of Maryland. He is a 1969 graduate of Ryken High School and from a family of nine children, all of whom attended Ryken High School or St. Mary’s Academy.

“I’m looking forward to joining the faculty and staff of St. Mary’s Ryken High School and to working with Mrs. Mary Joy Hurlburt and Mr. Rick Wood and the entire St. Mary’s Ryken community,” said Dr. Weiland. "I'm very student-centered and one of my goals has been to work with students again. Now, I have the opportunity to return home where I can repay the debt I owe to the Xaverian Brothers for the education and values that I received.”

St. Mary's Ryken is a college preparatory high school sponsored by the Xaverian Brothers. Each year, 99% of graduates go on to college and the Class of 2011 earned over $12.7 million in scholarships. Students come from many different counties across the region including Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, King George, Prince George’s and St. Mary’s counties.

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