

# Roslyn

# Benjamin

## Next Head of School at TCS

### Tell us a little bit about yourself.

"I was born and raised in Northern California, and I have spent most of my life either attending or working in independent schools. I have always had a passion for working with children which is why I became a teacher. As a woman of color, I have served as a mentor to students and educators who look like me, hoping to remind them that they can achieve anything they set their minds on. I enjoy reading, running, watching sports (particularly baseball), and spending time with friends and family."

### What are you most excited about next year?

"I'm excited to get to know all of the members of the TCS community. During my visit last November, I had the opportunity to meet some students, faculty and staff members, and parents. When I return in the spring, I look forward to talking to more people and hearing about why they love TCS. I'm also looking forward to learning more about the curriculum and school traditions."

### When you're not at school, where can we find you?

"My favorite sport is baseball, so when I have time, I like to go to Oracle Park (the home of the San Francisco Giants), even though I'm a Los Angeles Dodgers fan. When we move to Atlanta, I suspect I will spend time at Truist (formerly SunTrust) Park. I will go to a baseball game, regardless of who's playing. That's how much I enjoy the sport! Most of the time, however, you can find me running on my local streets and trails."

### Where is your favorite vacation spot?

"I love clear blue water, whether that's an ocean, a lake, a sea, or a local stream. A few years ago, we went to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico for a family wedding. I would love to go back and spend time at the beach and in the town."

### Which fictional character would you like to meet?

"One of my favorite literary genres, which I read often, is fiction (both children's and young adult). Two fictional characters came to mind quickly. The first was Clementine from the book of the same name by Sara Pennypacker; 'Clementine' is a fun, somewhat mischievous, always well-intentioned girl, who truly wants to help others, but in her own way. The second character is Blade from Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess' book 'Solo'. Blade spends most of the book on a quest to learn more about his identity, which is a typical (but in this book atypical) adolescence experience. For both of them, I would love to learn what happened to them after the novel ended."

### What makes you a kid at heart? (by Zoe)

"Playing games with my home and school families. At home, my son, daughter, and I enjoy playing 'Monopoly' and 'Life'. At school, I occasionally jump into a kickball or four-square game with both lower and middle school students. And I also like to dance around the house to good, fun music with my family!"

### Do you have any pets? (by Alix)

#### What's your favorite dog species? (by Deary)

"Not currently. We did have a couple of goldfish a few years ago. My kids do eventually want a dog, so we will see what happens. I like most dogs, and my favorite is the golden retriever."

### What's your favorite ice cream flavor? (by Taylor)

"I LOVE two flavors: cookies and cream and chocolate chip cookie dough."

### Are you willing to sing with Coach Rob at our winter assembly? It's a TCS tradition! (by Emma B.)

"Does he want to sing with me? If so, I'm not really a singer, but we can give it the 'old college try!'"

