

Virginia Bahr to emphasize technology at Ascension School

Improving technology at Ascension School in Halethorpe is among Virginia Bahr's top priorities as she begins a new role as principal of Ascension School in Halethorpe. Ms. Bahr comes to the 200-student school after 17 years as a teacher at St. Margaret School in Bel Air.

"We're preparing our students for the future and they need to be excellent communicators in a digital age," said Ms. Bahr, a parishioner of St. Margaret who served as religion coordinator for St. Margaret School. "Most career paths involve technology."

Ascension School has hired a technology teacher and is improving its Web site. A technology curriculum is now being formulated that will integrate technology into the classroom, Ms. Bahr said. Professional development opportunities will be provided to teachers, she said.

Describing Ascension as a "very caring and committed community," Ms. Bahr said she is impressed by the many people who work hard to support the school.

A native of Worcester, Mass., Ms. Bahr holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, both in education, from Towson University. She also earned a certification in administration and supervision from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore.