

## Stephen Jay Riven



Jay Riven was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, and a product of independent schools. He attended Northwestern University as an undergraduate and the University of Texas at Austin earning his Masters in Social Work. Following 5 years of clinical social work specializing in drug and alcohol addiction and forensic counseling, he started his professional independent school career at Pace Academy, a K-12 school in Atlanta, GA. as a teacher, coach, academic dean, and social-emotional counselor. He also created the Middle School division at Pace pulling grades from the Lower and Upper Schools. He then moved to Valdosta, GA to be the Head of Middle School and Middle School English teacher at Valwood School. After 4 years at Valwood, Jay moved to Dallas in 2010 to be the Head of Middle School at Parish Episcopal School, a K-12 1200 student school. Jay is married to Jenn, a physical therapist, and they have two children, Hailey (14) and Zach (12). Jay and his family have also lived in areas including Carmel, CA, Jackson Hole, WY, and Boston, MA to pursue their love of outdoor activity and recreation.