



POPE JOHN PAUL II
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Pope Prep Announces New Head Football Coach

Hendersonville, TN - Pope John Paul II Preparatory School's football program will soon experience a change in its coaching staff. Head Coach Justin Geisinger has accepted a head coaching position at Franklin Road Academy, effective beginning the 2022-23 season. Coach Geisinger joined Pope Prep in January 2010 as the Director of Strength & Conditioning and an offensive line coach. He became the offensive coordinator in 2014, and since December of 2014, he has served as head football coach. During his tenure, Geisinger successfully developed a winning program in the toughest division in the state, built a positive team culture, and stands beloved and respected by his players.

"We have a ton of gratitude for the body of work Coach Geis has done for our school and football program. He has left our program much better than he found it. I wish him and his family all the best moving forward in his new endeavor," said Athletic Director John Dempsey.

Pope Prep is excited to announce that Assistant Football Coach and Assistant Athletic Director Brian Sneed will take over the program as Pope Prep Head Football Coach, effective immediately. As defensive coordinator, Coach Sneed has worked side-by-side with Coach Geisinger and witnessed firsthand the transformation of the Pope Prep football program. "The seamless hand-off to Coach Sneed as head coach enables a smooth transition and keeps us in a great position to maintain momentum," said Head of School Mike Deely.

Brian Sneed, a 2006 graduate of Pope Prep and a multi-sport athlete, earned an athletic scholarship to continue his football career at Centre College in Danville, KY, where he graduated with a BS in Mathematics and a minor in Secondary Education. In 2012, Sneed returned to Pope to teach mathematics and coach football. He left Pope for a short time to work at his alma mater, Centre College, to coach under Coach Frye from 2013-2015. In 2016, Sneed returned to Pope as the assistant athletic director and an assistant football coach.

"Coach Sneed is clearly invested in Pope Prep and our community. He has a very sharp football mind and is a man with a strong moral compass. I have complete faith that he will continue to

move our football program forward the right way, with hard work, integrity and discipline,” said Athletic Director John Dempsey.

As Sneed stated in an email to the football community, "I am confident that if we stay true to the mission of living and competing like Christ, our football program will continue to become the best version of itself."

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About Us:

Serving students in grades 6-12, Pope John Paul II Preparatory School was established in 2002 in Hendersonville, Tennessee as a Catholic school community of faith and service with high academic standards, competitive athletics, and innovative extracurricular programs. Inspired by our understanding that God made each of our students with unique gifts that can be used to change the world, our school exists to serve our students and their families by helping young adults find their God-given talents and discover their greater purposes in life. With the addition of middle grades in the fall of 2021, we continue to grow as an innovative institution committed to our unchanging mission: to prepare students to be strong in mind, body, character, and spirit for lives of learning and service, according to the Gospel.

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