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PENNINGTON, N.J., May 16, 2025—The Pennington School Welcomes Back Red Hawk Legend Fred Falchi '79 as Varsity Boys' Basketball Head Coach for 2025-26

The Pennington School is proud to announce Coach Fred Falchi as the new head coach of the Varsity Boys' Basketball team, beginning with the 2025–26 season. A 1979 graduate of Pennington and a two-sport standout, Falchi was a 1,000-point scorer on the court and a talented baseball player on the diamond during his time as a student.

Coach Falchi brings an extraordinary coaching résumé and a championship pedigree built over more than two decades of leading successful programs. Most notably, he served as the head coach at Trenton Catholic Academy (TCA), where he compiled nearly 400 career wins and established one of the most respected basketball cultures in New Jersey.

His accomplishments at TCA include:

- **2010 NJSIAA Tournament of Champions title** — the first and only TOC title in Mercer County basketball history
- **Three NJSIAA South Jersey Non-Public B championships** (2008, 2009, 2010)
- **One NJSIAA Non-Public B state championship** (2010)
- **Three Mercer County Tournament titles** (2014, 2015, 2017)
- **Multiple Burlington County Scholastic League championships**
- **2009–10 New Jersey State Coach of the Year**
- **South Jersey Coaches Association Hall of Fame inductee**

Throughout his coaching career, Falchi has mentored numerous college-bound players, including many who advanced to compete at the Division I level. His legacy goes far beyond the scoreboard—he is widely known for his leadership, integrity, and ability to build character in his players.



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“We are beyond excited to welcome Coach Falchi back to Pennington,” said Director of Athletics Jerry Eure. “He is a proven winner who understands the values of our School and what it means to be a Red Hawk. His return signals a new era for our basketball program that honors our past and builds toward an exciting future.”

Coach Falchi returns home to where it all began, bringing unmatched experience, passion, and a commitment to excellence. The Pennington community looks forward to the next chapter in Red Hawk basketball under his leadership.

Pennington is also excited to announce the addition of Brendan Norris and Tyus Battle to Coach Falchi’s basketball staff.

Brendan Norris joins the Red Hawks from Middle Township High School, where he served as the junior varsity head coach and assistant varsity coach. Prior to Middle Township, Norris served as the assistant varsity coach and head junior varsity coach at Wildwood Catholic.

Tyus Battle arrives at The Pennington School following a standout collegiate and professional playing career. A New Jersey Gatorade Player of the Year and FIBA U17 World Championship gold medalist, Battle played under Hall of Fame coach Jim Boeheim at Syracuse University. During his time at Syracuse, Battle earned All-ACC honors, served as team captain, and helped lead the Orange to the NCAA Sweet 16. Battle recently concluded a successful professional career that took him across the globe.

The Pennington School is an independent coeducational school for students in grades 6 through 12, in both day and boarding programs. The curriculum is college preparatory, with an emphasis on individual excellence, fostering the development of the whole student through academics, athletics, community service, and the creative and performing arts.