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Lakewood High School Hires Jeremy Walpole as Head Football Coach



Lakewood High School has hired Jeremy Walpole as the new Head Varsity Football Coach. Coach Walpole was approved at the March 11 regular Board of Education meeting, and he has more than 20 years of coaching experience at the middle school, junior varsity, and varsity levels.

Coach Walpole was most recently the Head Junior Varsity Coach and Varsity OL/DL Coach at Heath High School, where he helped the program win three LCL Cardinal Division Championships, make five consecutive OHSAA playoff appearances, and earn three playoff victories. During that time, the staff has been named LCL Coaching Staff of the Year three times, while developing multiple All-League, All-District, and All-State linemen and helping build one of the most successful offensive systems in the conference.

“I’d like to thank the entire Lakewood Lancer community for giving me such a great opportunity to lead this great football tradition,” said Walpole. “Our program will be based on two things: bringing the hearts of the football program back to the community, and the hearts of the community back to the football program. I am honored to be the Head Football Coach here at Lakewood and will strive every day to preserve the integrity, tradition, and honor of not only our football program, but of Lakewood Schools and the community of Hebron.”

A graduate of Licking Valley High School, Coach Walpole played offensive and defensive line from 1998-2002 and was part of teams that finished 13-1, with a state semifinal appearance in 2000 and 14–1 with a state final appearance in 2001. As a senior, he earned 1st Team All-BAC Conference, 1st Team All-Central District, 1st Team All-Advocate, 2nd Team All-Columbus Dispatch, and All-State Honorable Mention, and was selected to play in the LCL All-Star Game in 2002. He continued his football career at Baldwin Wallace College.

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“We’re excited to welcome Coach Walpole as the leader of our football program,” said Athletic Director Jamie Justus. “His experience, emphasis on skill development and game preparation, and commitment to mentoring athletes – along with his focus on teamwork and discipline – set him apart from the other candidates. He brings a clear vision for the program, and we look forward to supporting him as he serves our student-athletes.”

Coach Walpole resides in Heath with his wife Stephanie, son Cameron (freshman at Heath), and daughter Rayna (seventh grader at Heath).

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