THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, NJ, November 13, 2026—New Club Program Unveiled as Pennington Welcomes Fencing Coach

Beginning this winter, The Pennington School has announced that they will offer a new fencing club, with the goal of transitioning to a full varsity program by the winter of 2028.

Coach Jacob Sjostedt will lead this development, coming to Pennington with an extensive fencing coaching background, having worked with several fencing academies in Pennsylvania throughout his coaching career. He also brings valuable personal competitive experience from his own collegiate fencing career at Penn State University.

Interim Director of Athletics Caitlin Nielsen shared her excitement in unveiling a program that offers students, families, alumni, and faculty a new activity for Red Hawks to rally behind. "I believe that building a fencing program here at The Pennington School gives our students an opportunity not only to try a new sport but also gives experienced fencers a chance to really showcase their talents and strengths," she said. "With a strong and experienced coach at the helm, Pennington will no doubt be able to compete in the MAPL alongside our fellow schools within the next few years."

Internationally, Sjostedt represented Australia on the Cadet National Fencing Team and Cadet World Championship Team from 2017 to 2019 and was also a member of the Junior National Fencing Team and Junior World Championship Team from 2019 to 2020.

We are excited to welcome Coach Sjostedt to Pennington and look forward to building a strong fencing program that will provide our students with new opportunities to learn, compete, and grow.

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.

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