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### **St. Mary Catholic High School Announces New Head Football Coach**

*Fox Cities:* St. Mary Catholic High School (SMCHS) is pleased to announce that Mr. Ryan Pues will be the new head coach for the varsity football team. Pues has been actively involved with football since sixth grade, and was a member of the 1997 and 1998 playoff teams at New London High School. He attended Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he was a member of the Pioneers' football team, and part of the football support staff when he could not play due to injury. He transferred to UW-Oshkosh and graduated in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in education. While at UWO, Pues was a member of the football coaching staff, coaching with current Titans Coach Pat Cerroni, and acted as the Titans' offensive assistant coach. He also served as a head coach for the YMCA of the Fox Cities Youth Flag Football program from 2009-2013.

In August 2014, Pues joined St. Mary Catholic Schools as the head coach for the middle school football program and also helped with the St. Mary Catholic High School Zephyrs. In 2015, he became an official assistant coach for the high school team, and is now moving into the head coach position vacated by Coach Jeff Brightwell, who resigned in February.

SMCS Athletic Director Adam Bates is confident that Pues will be an excellent leader for the Zephyr football program. "Ryan has been involved with our high school, middle school and youth football programs for the past couple of years, and we are excited that he will be the new head coach for our Zephyrs," Bates stated. "His football background, familiarity with our community and his coaching connections across the area all made him a strong candidate. We are very fortunate to have him, and we look

forward watching the SMCHS football program grow under his direction.” “We would also like to extend our thanks and best wishes to Coach Brightwell,” he added.

Ryan Pues is the manager of the Maintenance Renewals Team at Leverage Information Systems, Inc., and he and his wife Erin have two daughters, Meghan age 9, and Aubrey, age 6.

**St. Mary Catholic High School** (SMCHS) a regional high school, is part of [St. Mary Catholic Schools \(SMCS\)](#). The system also includes St. Mary Elementary Schools (St. Margaret Mary and St. Gabriel in Neenah, and St. Mary in Menasha), as well as St. St. Mary Catholic Middle School in Neenah. SMCHS is dedicated to the individual development of each student by providing an education focused on faith, academics and service.

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