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*Photo attached*

### **St. Mary Catholic High School Announces Return of Girls Tennis Coach**

*Fox Cities:* St. Mary Catholic High School (SMCHS) is pleased to announce that Mrs. Elizabeth "Lizzy" Auth, a 1998 graduate of SMC, will return as head coach for the SMC Girls Tennis Team, beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

Auth will replace Adrian "Adie" Martin, an alumnus from the St. Mary Class of 1962, who is retiring from coaching after five years of working with the tennis program and nine years of coaching golf. "We are grateful for the dedication, knowledge and enthusiasm that Coach Martin brought as the leader of both our girls tennis team and the golf team," stated SMCS Athletic & Activities Director Adam Bates, "and we wish him the very best in retirement."

Auth played for SMC and later returned to coach the school's team for seven years, first as an assistant and then as the head coach. She values the experience of making it to the state competition both as a player and as a coach, and one of Auth's goals is for the girls have that opportunity, too.

Bates is confident that Auth will be an inspiring leader for the team. "We are very excited to be bringing Lizzy back to run our girls tennis program. She was very successful when she played at SMC, and the teams she coached here, both as an assistant coach and as a head coach, were very competitive," Bates stated. "Lizzy has stayed quite active, both playing tennis and teaching the sport to local youth. Based on her extensive tennis experience, familiarity with our schools and previous head coaching experience, we are confident that Lizzy will successfully lead Zephyr Girls Tennis!"

After graduating from Marquette University, Auth worked at St. Mary Central High School as an English, journalism and speech instructor. She left teaching to be a full time mom, and she and husband, Robin, have three children, all of whom attend St. Mary Catholic Schools. When she is not watching her kids play tennis, soccer or basketball (or playing with them), Auth plays tennis twice a week, trains for half marathons, and loves to attend Marquette basketball games.

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.



**SMCHS Girls Tennis Coach Lizzy Auth**

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