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St. Mary Catholic Schools Announces Tate Whitlinger as Varsity Boys Tennis Coach

St. Mary Catholic Schools is pleased to announce that Tate Whitlinger will be the new Varsity Boys Tennis Coach! Whitlinger, a resident of Neenah, was a member of the Division 1 Neenah High School State Championship Team in 1993, 1994, and 1995, and in 1994, he was the state doubles champion with Casey Brown.

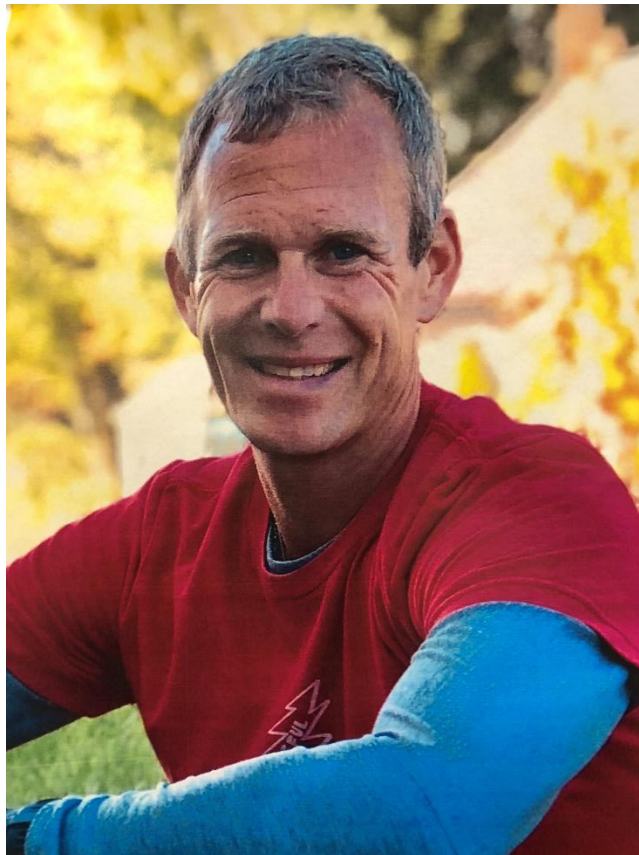
In 1999, Whitlinger began working as a tennis pro at the Fox Cities Racquet Club, and continues to do so. In 2005, he was the USPTA Midwest Open Men's Player of the Year, and in 2007 he won the USPTA International Men's Open Doubles Championship with his brother-in-law Kelly Jones.

Similar to his father Kip Whitlinger, who coached tennis at SMC for 17 years, Tate has been on the coaching staff of the SMC varsity girls tennis team for the last two years, and they have been Conference Champions both years.

Whitlinger said, “I feel fortunate to be part of the St. Mary Catholic Schools community, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to help the boys tennis team grow physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually both on and off the court.”

Athletic Director Adam Bates stated, “We are very excited to introduce Tate as our new Boys Tennis Head Coach! Tate is extremely qualified considering his involvement with tennis in this area and with our school, and SMCS is very fortunate to have him. We are confident that he will run a high-quality program that will grow under his guidance!”

St. Mary Catholic High School (SMCHS) 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. 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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