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Harrington is new varsity basketball head coach at Highland



MEDINA, OHIO (5/4/09) – Highland Local School District and Highland High School are pleased to welcome Thomas J. Harrington as the new Head Coach of the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team. Harrington is a physical education teacher in Brunswick and has served as the head coach for the junior varsity boys' basketball team and the assistant head coach for the varsity team in the Brunswick School District since 2005.

During his coaching career, he has helped lead the Brunswick varsity team to two consecutive season records of 18-4 and the J.V. team to three conference championships. Additionally, he helped establish a fall youth league for grades 3-6 and served as an assistant director for the Brunswick Youth Basketball Camps.

Harrington received his Bachelor of Arts degree in health and physical education, Cum Laude, from Baldwin Wallace College in 2006. At BW, he was a three-year starter on the basketball team and a two-year captain. He was the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) leader in assists, assist-turnover ratio and three-point shooting percentage and set the single season school record for most assists with 168. He was a finalist for the 2005 ESPN/Bob Cousy Award for National Collegiate Point and named Division III Guard of the Year.

"We are excited to welcome Mr. Harrington to the Highland family and are confident that he will promote a combination of academics and athletics, as well as teamwork and sportsmanship both on and off the court," noted Highland Athletic Director Bo Kuntz. "His passion for the game and his experience as both a coach and player will undoubtedly benefit our team next season."

Harrington is a lifelong resident of northeast Ohio and currently resides in Medina with his wife Katie (Sako), who is a former Highland High School athlete and graduate.

(PHOTO ATTACHED)