



## Diocesan schools announce principal appointments

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Six diocesan schools will welcome new principals for the upcoming school year.

Since **The Message** announced the appointment of Katie Hubiak to serve as principal of St. John the Baptist Parish in Newburgh in the May 2 issue, five more diocesan schools announced principal appointments. The principal appointments are **Samantha Erny** at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Haubstadt, **Courtney Ethridge** at Resurrection School in Evansville, **Joe Maione** at Rivet School in Vincennes, **Jessica Zavala** at Holy Redeemer School in Evansville and **Valerie Zimmer** at St. Joseph School in Princeton.

While they have more new principals this upcoming school year than in a normal year, Diocese of Evansville Superintendent of Schools Michelle Priar is thrilled to welcome each of them to the school administrator team. They each bring educational leadership experience to their positions, Priar said.

"We're very fortunate that God has led these faith-filled leaders to us," Priar said. "I'm anxious for their school and parish communities to get to know them a little bit better. It's going to be a great school year!"

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SAMANTHA ERNY



COURTNEY ETHRIDGE



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## Swanson to lead Tigers on hardwood

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Former collegiate athlete and NCAA basketball coach Jared Swanson is returning to the United States from Australia to lead the Reitz Memorial High School boys basketball program.

Reitz Memorial announced the hire of Swanson as the program's next coach during a July 15 press conference at Reitz Memorial High School. In addition to his coaching duties for the Tigers, Swanson will teach at Annunciation Christ the King School in Evansville.

"We feel like we found a perfect spot here," Swanson said at the July 15 press conference. "And I was here about a month ago. Really, really enjoyed my time here and super excited to get going. Super excited to move into this area. We really feel like the family environment of athletics, academics, of the community sup-

port that we will have here at Memorial is going to be just outstanding. And I really just can't wait to get started."

Prior to accepting the teaching and coaching jobs in the diocese, Swanson served as the General Manager and Director of Basketball at the North Gold Coast Seahawks Basketball Association in Australia, overseeing 4,000 members and 11 club branches.

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The Message photo by John Rohlf  
**Jared Swanson was recently named the head boys basketball coach at Reitz Memorial High School.**



## Schiff steps down as head baseball coach at Mater Dei

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Mater Dei High School announced July 18 that head baseball coach Adam Schiff is stepping down after one season.

In the press release from the school, Schiff said "it was a tremendous honor" to return to Mater Dei and coach the baseball team this past season. He said he believes they succeeded in building a foundation that future teams can build upon.

"I am extremely grateful for these

players, coaches and staff who allowed me to be their coach this year," Schiff said in the press release. "Unfortunately, my role within the new Amcor company has undergone significant changes following the recent merger between Amcor and its legacy Berry Global. This new role will not allow me to coach the MD baseball team and give the program the time and attention it deserves. Mater Dei coaches have a track record for leaving the program in a good position to contin-

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ADAM SCHIFF