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SJUSD offers transitional kindergarten program

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Enrollment is open May 15 through June 15 for San Juan Unified School District's (SJUSD) new Transitional Kindergarten program for the 2012-2013 academic school year.

The program offers a full-year program for the year prior to traditional kindergarten with the purpose of supplying developmentally appropriate curriculum for students who are not quite age-ready for kindergarten, according to Beth Davies, executive director of K-8 and elementary schools for SJUSD.

"We're just excited about beginning the transitional kindergarten program for our youngest students in that we have the opportunity to provide this experience," Davies said.

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Her book will be available for purchase following the program.

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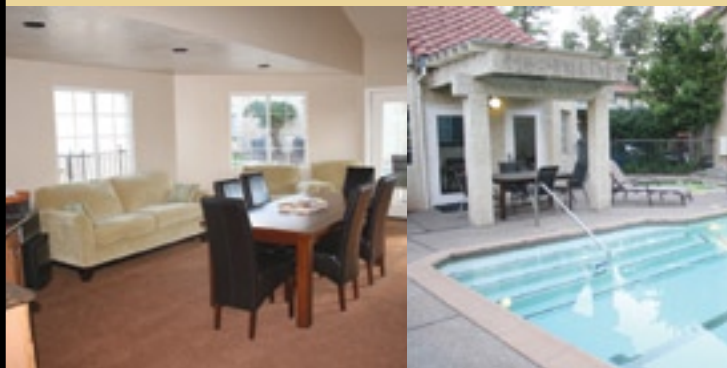
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Know your neighbors

La Salle Club honors new baseball hall of fame inductees, others

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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More than 200 people arrived at Christian Brothers High School to attend a dinner honoring the latest inductees to the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame on April 28.

For those who are unfamiliar with this annual event, the gathering serves as one of the club's most important fundraisers.

In its dedication to provide financial assistance to the high school's athletic programs, the club raises funds through the event, while honoring some of the most accomplished baseball players, managers, scouts or umpires of the past.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees were Jim Barr, Pat Fall, Mike Furtado, Ken Hottman, LeRon Lee, Don Murphy, Bob Puccinelli and Rich Separovich.

Although the La Salle Club is directly associated with Christian Brothers High, the criteria to be inducted as a member of the Hall of Fame extends beyond the high school. Or in other words, inductees need not have any connection to the high school.

And by adding non-Christian Brothers High associated members, the Hall of Fame offers a much more thorough representation of baseball talent from the region.

Furthermore, the mere existence of the club provides additional evidence of Sacramento's longtime notoriety as a baseball city.

Hall of Fame members are all notable baseball people who have performed or resided in the greater Sacramento area.

All inductees are named by the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

This year, an amendment was made to the requirement that a person being inducted into the hall be living. Posthumous selections will be made for the first time next year.

As part of the evening's program, a tribute was made to the seven Hall of Famers who passed away during the last 12 months.

Following the dinner, which was served by Christian Brothers High parents and students, a special recognition was given to the 1962 Bishop Robert J. Armstrong



Arden-Carmichael News photo, Lance Armstrong

Left to right, Bob Puccinelli, Don Murphy, Ken Hottman, Mike Furtado, Rich Separovich, LeRon Lee, Jim Barr and Pat Fall were named to the 2012 class of the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame.

High School championship baseball team, which was led by its head coach, Dick Sperbeck.

The team, which made history as one of the most successful high school baseball teams in the city's history, posted a 22-2 won-loss record, beat four Northern California conference champions and was eventually recognized as the state's "Team of the Year" by Cal-Hi Sports.

As part of the program, Sperbeck shared various memories about his former players who were in attendance at the event.

One of these former players was Carmichael area resident Bernie Church, who serves as president of the La Salle Club.

Church, who was a teacher for 36 years and a baseball coach for 20

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years at C. K. McClatchy High School, received additional recognition earlier in the day when McClatchy's baseball field was named in his honor.

In commenting about his recent honors, Church said, "It was a pretty special week. That's for sure."

As the featured segment of the evening, the Hall of Fame award presentations for new inductees was well structured and enhanced by a comprehensive program, which was composed and edited by 1970 Christian Brothers High graduate Rick Cabral.

After being individually introduced as newly inducted members of the hall, each of the inductees shared some of their baseball experiences.

The following are biographical information and excerpts from these new Hall of Famers' acceptance speeches:

Jim Barr

Barr attracted many Northern California baseball fans, as he played 10 of his 12 years in Major League Baseball as a successful pitcher for the San Francisco Giants.

In describing the game, he said, "Baseball is a way of life."

His love for baseball and the relationships he has developed while being involved in the game has kept him active in the sport since his youth.

Barr, who later excelled in men's senior league games and was a pitching coach at Sacramento State University, presently works with the Granite Bay High School baseball team.

Pat Fall

A 1966 graduate of McClatchy High, Fall earned all-city honors as a pitcher during his senior year at McClatchy.

His talents on the diamond led him to be drafted by the Kansas City (now Oakland) A's. He played in the A's organization and later in the California (now Los Angeles) Angels organizations and was the winning pitcher of the National Division of the Winter League championship game for the Carmichael Merchants in 1971.

Fall paid tribute to Sacramento's many baseball sponsors, saying, "Without the sponsors, we wouldn't be able to play the game we play."

Mike Furtado

Furtado was a standout pitcher at McClatchy High and Sacramento State during

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the 1960s, played many years of bush league baseball and later achieved success coaching the Elk Grove High School varsity baseball team.

Furtado, who mentioned that he met his wife through baseball, closed his speech saying, "Those were some great years (and) years I'll never forget. And as (Roberto Clemente) said, 'Baseball has been very, very good to me.'"

Ken Hottman

After successful years playing baseball at Elk Grove High and Sacramento City College, Hottman played seven years of professional baseball, including a year with the Chicago White Sox. He also played Winter League ball in Sacramento.

In remembering his playing days in Sacramento, Hottman noted that the high level of competition resulted in an even higher level of achievements by those participating in the games.

Don Murphy

Murphy, who graduated from Bishop Armstrong High in 1964, played catcher for Sperbeck's teams for two years.

His baseball highlights also included catching for American River and St. Mary's colleges, playing in bush league games and catching a no-hitter thrown by Bob Forsch of Sacramento.

Murphy said that baseball taught him valuable lessons in life.

"Through baseball, I learned how to win, how to lose, success, failure, teamwork, competition," Murphy said.

LeRon Lee

A former all-city baseball star at Grant High School, LeRon Lee played eight years in Major League Baseball and 11 years of professional baseball in Japan.

Lee, who also played in the Winter League, credited Sacramento for being the place where his success in baseball began.

"It all happened before I left (Sacramento) and it all happened because we had such great competition, great coaches (and) great players to work with," Lee said.



Arden-Carmichael News photo, Lance Armstrong
The 58th annual La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame event was held last week at Christian Brothers High School.

Bob Puccinelli

Puccinelli, who was an outfielder for Sacramento High from 1953 to 1955, was named to the all-city team of *The Sacramento Union* during his senior year.

His other baseball highlights include participating on the 1957 College World Series champion University of California, Berkeley team and signing with the Cleveland Indians organization.

The theme of Puccinelli's speech was the "we concept" and the benefits that could be had by working as a team.

Richard Separovich

Richard, who was also a high school all-star in 1955, was a standout baseball player at Christian Brothers High.

He also played for Southside American Legion, several Winter League teams, the Sacramento Solons Rookies and Sacramento State.

Richard, who coached the Charles M. Goethe Junior High School (now Rosa Parks Middle School) baseball team during the 1970s, expressed his appreciation to the voters for allowing him to join his other family members in the Hall of Fame.

Separovich family members in the Hall of Fame also include Richard's father, Michael, and Richard's uncles, Tony and Mark.

Since the Hall of Fame's inception in 1953, more than 400 people have been inducted into the hall, including Wally Westlake, Johnny McNamara, Cuno Barragan, Ronnie King, Woody Held, Joe Marty, Eddie Fitzgerald and Joe Kirrene.

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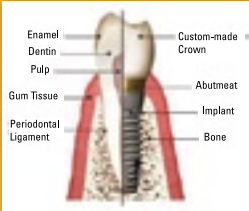


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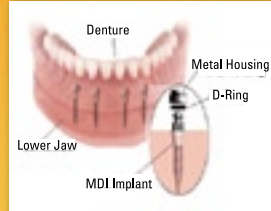
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The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District received confirmation today that an American Crow has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) in the Tahoe Park area of Sacramento County.

This is the second bird of the 2012 season to test positive for the disease.

"With the very warm temperatures we've seen recently, West Nile virus is starting to amplify in our region," said David Brown District Manager. "While we know WNV is here to stay, this bird is a clear sign and a reminder to all that we need to protect ourselves against mosquitoes and diseases they transmit."

Residents are strongly encouraged to report all dead birds by calling the California Department of Public Health hotline at (877) 968-2473 or online at www.westnile.ca.gov.

Some species of birds such as crows, jays and magpies are very susceptible to the virus and are more likely to die from the infection. Birds are hosts for WNV and mosquitoes transmit the virus by biting an infected bird and then biting a person or other animal.

"Dead bird reports provide important surveillance information to track WNV activity in our area and offer valuable information of where positive mosquito samples and human cases may develop later in the season," Brown said.

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SJUSD names Glynn Thompson new superintendent

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As of May 1, the San Juan Unified School District's (SJUSD) Board of Education named Glynn Thompson the District's ninth superintendent.

A resident of Sacramento, Thompson joined SJUSD in July 2009 as the district's first chief academic officer and has been serving as interim superintendent of schools since June 2011. He reportedly has more than 30 years of education experience as a teacher, principal and district leader.

Thompson said he accepted the superintendent position as he had made a commitment to the District through the work being done through its community-based strategic plan.

"The district is doing some amazing work and we're getting results, but I felt strongly that we needed stability and leadership," he explained. "So when the board asked me to accept the position, the only answer I could think of was a definite yes."

Planning strategically

As he begins his term, Thompson feels the district has a number of strengths and has a rich tradition of success.

"We have the most California distinguished schools in the county, (and) we have many teachers that have been recognized by the state for their work in teaching," he detailed. "The district has a very positive relationship with their labor groups (and) we have a very strong board of education."

Thompson said he is proud of the District's 2010-2015 Strategic Plan, which he said has already seen a number of accomplishments, including a successful visual and performing arts program, a dual language immersion school, and a public Montessori school.

"We're talking about what does it mean to be a 21st century learner and leader in preparing our students to be effective citizens," he added.

Moving forward, Thompson said the strategic plan will be used as a "road map" to plan where the future of the District is headed.

"We're really facing some serious fiscal issues, and in San Juan we budget the plan instead of planning a budget," he explained. "We have a very clear direction of where we're headed and I think that kind of focus is really important to a district that is this large."

Over the past few years, SJUSD has needed to cut between \$30-50 million from its annual budget. Thompson said that if the November initiative does not pass, the district is looking at another possible \$35 million in cuts.

"I'm very hopeful that the community will rally around this November initiative," he said. "As it stands, the fiscal funding in California is broken and we need to do something together to address this serious issue."

Community involvement

Thompson hopes to involve the community through new communication venues, such as the virtual Brown Bag Lunch Chat he had hosted on Friday, May 6 for parents, staff and community members. Based on the success of the event, Thompson said the district will proba-

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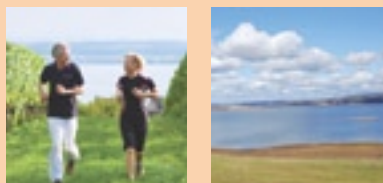
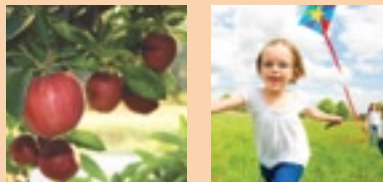
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bly host something similar again, plus they are looking at more ways for parents and community members to offer their input.

"School districts have traditionally been very good at disseminating information, but we sometimes haven't done as much as we should in listening," Thompson said. "And not only listening to feedback, but then doing something with it. So that's one of the commitments of this administration: we will do everything we can to illicit input from the larger San Juan community. There are some extraordinary people in our district and so we want to listen."

Future goals

Thompson said there are a number of issues the district is facing that he plans to work on. For instance, he will continue to look at all groups of student attending SJUSD schools to ensure they are college-ready if they choose to go that route.

"We want all students succeeding at high levels," he said.

He plans to continue to look at the District's drop-out rate.

"While we've made extraordinary progress over the past three years, we want to be the leaders in the state," he said.

Additionally, Thompson is very proud of the focus on literacy the district has had.

"We want to be the light-house district in the state, where people look at us and say that they can learn from the good work that's happening in San Juan," he added.

Thompson said it all comes down to the bottom line, which is giving students the skills they need to be successful in college and career.

"We need to constantly be updating our strategies as teachers and leaders for preparing them for their next steps," he added. "That's something that we're doing right now and it's our ongoing commitment."

Winning design for first 'I Voted' sticker contest recognized by Board of Supervisors

Special to Arden-Carmichael News

Sacramento County voters will get a newly designed "I Voted" sticker after they cast their ballot on June 5. The winning sticker, created by an area high school student in the County's first "I Voted" sticker contest, is also featured on the cover of the June 2012 sample ballot booklet.

First place winner Alicia Chan, C.K. McClatchy High School and runner ups Kevin Thao, Grant Union High School and Darian Rosengard, Rio Americano High School were recognized by the Board of Supervisors on May 8.

The Department of Voter Registration and Elections invited students from five area high schools to design a new "I Voted" sticker for the June Statewide Primary Election. Participating high schools were Rio Americano, Galt, Grant, McClatchy and San Juan. The response was overwhelming, with 76 entries submitted.

"The goal of the contest was to engage high school students' talent, while at the same time encouraging their participation in a civic activity by creating a new 'I Voted' sticker for the voters of Sacramento County," said Registrar of Voters Jill LaVine.

The artwork was judged by former Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin; Kim Alexander, president and founder of the California Voter Foundation; and Debbie O'Donoghue, deputy secretary of state, voter education and outreach.



Photo courtesy, Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections
THEY'RE WINNERS – and they believe in voting. Student winners of the county's first "I Voted" sticker contest were recognized by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on May 8. Left to right, Jill LaVine, Darian Rosengard, Kevin Thao, Alicia Chan and County Supervisor Don Nottoli.

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Carmichael's SKATE Board Park

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Carmichael's Skate Board Park is not a secret, but the local park has had to cut back some on hours due to budget constraints. The popular park is located at 5325 Engle Road in the La Sierra Park and Community Center property - right behind the Community Center, near the baseball diamonds.

Bob Kerr, the park manager, said the park is open noon to 6 p.m. on weekends and Tuesday and Thursdays from

4 p.m. to 7 pm. At a price of \$1, the admission is very reasonable. Helmets are required and pads are recommended.

All participants must have a waiver form on file too. The form can be downloaded at www.carmichaelpark.com/skatepark.htm on the Carmichael Park and Recreation website.

There are plenty of ramps where skateboarders can "Grab some Air." With skateboarders of all ages and experience there, the "olders" are always glad to help out those younger in ability. Manager Bob is also a good source of information, since he is a skate boarder too.



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Leaving a legacy:

St. Francis' first president to retire after 11 years of service

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After 11 years of service, St. Francis High School's first-ever president, Marion Bishop, will retire on May 31, leaving behind a legacy that includes a capital campaign, technology, campus ministry, and a growth spurt in student population.

The 'President-Principal Model'

In 2001 Bishop, who at the time was working in the Catholic Schools Department for the Diocese of Sacramento, was appointed president of St. Francis High School to bring the president-principal model to St. Francis that other Catholic schools in the area were already using. This model calls for a principal to handle the academics of the school and a president to handle the business side of the school, including fund raising.

"Research had indicated that when a high school reaches an enrollment of 600 or more students that it really becomes impossible for a single administrator to take care of all the academic concerns of the campus, as well as all the business," Bishop recalled. "St. Francis was at the threshold of that 600 students and it was time to move in to this new model.

I just happened to be first in line to be hired to implement the new model."

St. Francis' current principal, Patrick O'Neill (who has been principal for three years and was assistant principal for two years before that), said the president-principal model that Bishop initiated was instrumental in the growth of St. Francis' student body from 600 to now 1,100 students. Having this model allows him to effectively concentrate on the academics of the school, while having a compatriot handling the business side.

"Marion and I have clicked from Day One," O'Neill said. "We see things the same way and she's been outstanding to work for."

Making improvements

As part of her role as president, Bishop played an integral role in the improvements made to the St. Francis campus over the years. For instance, when she first arrived in 2001, the school was beginning the first phase of a capital campaign to expand the campus.

"I was really privileged not only to be part of that capital campaign to raise monies to improve the campus and expand it, but also I oriented the expansion itself," Bishop said. For example, she played a pivotal role in the development of the school's current



Photo courtesy of St. Francis High School

TWO BISHOPS. St. Francis High School President Marion Bishop, left, with Sacramento Bishop Jaime Soto on the campus of St. Francis High School. She will retire from the diocesan high school at the end of the month.

Performing Arts Center and gymnasium.

Throughout her 11 years Bishop continued to make improvements to St. Francis.

"She listened to the student body and what was going on in the education world, and then would be strategic in trying to weave that into the di-

rection of the school, whether it be technology, safety or the green movement," explained Shannon Terwedo, past St. Francis High School Board member whose daughter graduated from the school in 2007.

Past Board member Helen Pierson – whose two daugh-

ters graduated from St. Francis in 2000 and she herself graduated from the school in 1974 – said Bishop always had St. Francis' best interest in mind in all the decisions she made and that she was someone who could see

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law that will move back the kindergarten entry date. Traditionally, children had to turn five by Dec. 1 to be eligible to attend kindergarten. However, the new legislation will move the age of eligibility for kindergarten back to Sept. 1 over a three year period.

"The Transitional Kindergarten offers the opportunity for those children who now won't be age-eligible for the kindergarten program to attend a one-year transitional program instead of waiting out of school," Davies explained. "It's the first year of a two-year kindergarten pro-

gram, so it's transitional kindergarten and then they go to kindergarten the next year."

For the 2012-2013 school year, children whose fifth birthday falls between Nov. 2 and Dec. 2 are eligible to enroll in the Transitional Kindergarten program, according to the SJUSD website.

How does it work?

Parents can enroll children for the Transitional Kindergarten program from May 15 through June 15. There is no extra fee for the program, as it is part of the public school program.

SJUSD has preselected six schools that will offer the

Transitional Kindergarten program for the 2012-2013 year.

"(The schools) are geographically located throughout the district, and parents will be able to choose which school they would like their child to attend the transitional kindergarten program," Davies said.

The schools offering Transitional Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year include: Thomas Kelly Elementary School in Carmichael, and in the Arden area Thomas Edison Language Institute, Cottage Montessori Education, and the Early Childhood Education site on Dom Way. Also offering Transitional Kindergarten are Citrus Heights Elementary School in Citrus Heights and Twin Lakes Elementary School in Orangevale.

Some of the schools offering the Transitional Kindergarten program are specialized schools, such as one that offers a dual immersion program and another that is phasing-in a Montessori program. Additionally, some sites will offer full-day Transitional Kindergarten program, while others will offer a half-day option.

What are the benefits?

Davies said the overall benefit of a Transitional Kindergarten program is that it gives children an opportunity to experience the school setting on a number of levels – academically, socially and emotionally. This, in turn, will give young students a boost to starting their school experience.

"They will be immersed in a language-rich environment with emphasis on literacy and numeracy, as well as those social skills that are really critical to having children have a great start to school," she explained.

Additionally, Davies said the program helps to bridge the transition from preschool to regular school.

"It really provides that seamless support for students in an academic environment," she added.



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Legacy: Bishop led St. Francis High through significant years of growth

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what was important for the school.

"It's a challenge to have an all-girl high school and keep it running – a lot of different schools have had to go different ways and unfortunately some even had to close," Pierson explained. "St. Francis has been very fortunate because of the leadership that has enabled it to stay above the water and keep itself as a place where young ladies want to go. It's a great school and she's been at the helm for many years and I think it's because of that."

Having faith

One area Bishop focused on building upon during her tenure at St. Francis was in

the school's Campus Ministry Department.

"Under Marion's leadership, she's put a lot of work, emphasis and resources into building up our program so we have more of a holistic approach to ministry, to where it's not just prayers and retreats, but also service and faith community life," explained Director of Campus Ministry Linda Norman.

As part of the Campus Ministry Department, Bishop said one of her proudest accomplishments is the establishment of an integrated retreat program where each year's class has their own retreat, culminating with a senior retreat (called Kairos) their final year.

"This for many of our girls is a life-changing four-day student-lead retreat experience," Bishop explained. "It has been the single-most item that our graduating seniors comment on as their most significant moment at St. Francis, and so I'm very proud of that because I think it speaks to the whole person, the whole student, and what she's taking with her when she leaves here. That's one program I'm very, very proud of."

Additionally, Bishop began a mother-daughter retreat program in 2003, which Terwedo attended with her daughter. Terwedo recalled Bishop attending this retreat and talking to the mothers and daughters about her own experiences.

"She shared her personal journey with her daughter and as a daughter herself – the good, the bad, the challenges of dealing with a daughter in the teenage years," she recalled. "She just took off the mantle of being president and put on the mantle of being a woman that was both a daughter and a mother."

'A huge heart'

Now on the eve of her retirement, Bishop is excited for the Disney cruise she, her husband of 42 years, and family will be taking, and then oc-



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cupping her time with gardening, playing and praying.

"I do feel like I have another life in me somewhere," she said. "I still feel very young although I'm at retirement age. I feel like there's something else there and I've been praying a lot about what that is and how it's going to express itself."

Although she is looking forward to her retirement, Bishop said she will greatly miss

the students and staff at St. Francis and that she hopes the school continues to grow and prepare the young women that attend to serve the greater community.

"When I came here, I hoped that I would really bring the school 'heart' and I think that I have done that and I'm very proud of that," Bishop said. "I think the school has a huge heart and it shows itself in many, many ways."

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Dan Carmazzi appointed to athletic leadership at Christian Brothers High School

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This summer, Dan Carmazzi will join the faculty at Christian Brothers High School as co-athletic director, faculty member and assistant football coach.

He has extensive experience in the coaching arena. For more than three decades, Carmazzi was a member of the Social Studies and Physical Education departments at Jesuit High School, as well as that high school's head football coach.

"Dan has dedicated most of his professional life to Jesuit, and we are grateful for his service to our Jesuit High School community and his efforts with our student-athletes," said Jesuit High School principal Brianna Latko.

A 1971 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, Carmazzi started his coaching career at his alma mater before going to Jesuit as an assistant football coach in 1977. He assumed the duties of head football coach in 1981, and went on to earn an overall record of 230-102-3.

Carmazzi was selected as the CIF State Model Coach of the Year in 2004 and helped develop three NFL quarterbacks: Ken O'Brien, Gio Carmazzi and J.T. O'Sullivan. During his tenure, the Marauders reached the City Championship five times and won two CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Championships and nine league titles. Carmazzi also excelled as a teacher in the classroom.

"We wish Dan well as he returns to his alma mater to finish his career," said Chris Fahey, director of athletics at Jesuit High School. "It was our expectation that Dan would return as our head football coach next year, so

his decision came as a surprise. But we understand Coach Carmazzi's reasons for seeking new challenges and we respect the decision he has made."

"We are pleased to have Dan join the CB community. He brings a wealth of coaching knowledge and teaching experience with him," said Christian Brothers President Lorcan Barnes. "We look forward to continuing to build our athletic program in the years ahead. Bringing Dan on board is an investment in excellence that will serve our students well for years to come."

"I would like to thank Lorcan Barnes and Mary Hesser for extending to me the opportunity to return to Christian Brothers," Carmazzi said. "I will always have tremendous respect for, and be grateful to, the Jesuit High School community for educating my sons and giving me the opportunity to teach and coach these past 35 years. But, a part of me has always wanted to return to Christian Brothers. Christian Brothers provided me with an excellent education and athletic experience under the guidance of such outstanding teacher coaches as Dick Sperbeck, Ron Limeberger, Jack Witry, Dave Hoskins, Mel Fontes, John Zupan and Ralph Villanueva. This is a good time for me personally to make this transition and affords me the opportunity to give back to the school."

Carmazzi will join Jill Bennett, CB's athletic director for the past nine years.

"I am really looking forward to returning to CB blue and working with Jill Bennett to lead the athletic program," Carmazzi said. "I'm excited and optimistic about the future direction of Falcon athletics."

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