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### SETON CATHOLIC ANNOUNCES NEW FOOTBALL COACH *PETE WAHLHEIM'S SELECTION MARKS RETURN TO SENTINELS*



*Coach Pete Wahlheim finds himself in familiar territory at Seton Catholic, where he previously coached.*

CHANDLER, Ariz., Feb. 11, 2019 – Veteran high school football coach Pete Wahlheim is returning to Seton Catholic Prep to be the head coach of the Sentinels, Seton Catholic Principal Victor Serna has announced.

“Coach Wahlheim brings a wealth of experience to our program and is exactly what we’re looking for to lead our student-athletes,” Serna said.

Wahlheim was Seton Catholic’s head football coach from 2001 through 2006. He led the team to 11-win seasons in 2006 and 2003, when the

Sentinels were the state runner-up. He replaces Michael Chiurco who recently left Seton Catholic to reunite with Bruce Arians, head coach of the NFL’s Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

“Coach Wahlheim has a history of success,” Seton Catholic Athletics Director Matt Mayo said. “In addition to being a great coach, he has demonstrated an outstanding ability to develop his players into men of faith and character.”

Wahlheim most recently was head football coach at Mesa’s Dobson High, and prior to that, coached at Highland High in Gilbert.

Candidates for the coaching position sat for several interviews during the search process, which involved administrators, coaches, alumni, and parents.

“We had some outstanding candidates,” Serna said. “Our top priority was to find a coach who could lead a competitive football team by focusing on faith, excellence, and character. Coach Wahlheim is a man of faith and will support our mission as a Catholic high school.”

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