



## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **BURKHART SELECTED TO LEAD BLACK SWISH BASKETBALL**

**Nappanee, IN** — Taylor Burkhart has been named the fifth head coach in NorthWood Girl's Basketball history, Director of Athletics Roman Smith announced Monday evening after the School Board Meeting.

#### **Head Coach, Taylor Burkhart**

"This is a dream come true. I am thrilled to be at NorthWood as the head coach at one of the premier girl's basketball programs in Indiana," Burkhart said. "I want to thank the School Board, Superintendent Dr. Scot Croner, and Director of Athletics Roman Smith for the trust they have placed in me. I also want to thank the former Coaches of the Black Swish for the foundation of success they have laid as we continue to build on that great tradition."

"In talking with Mr. Smith, our vision and belief that NorthWood will compete for championships and postseason success lined up perfectly. I am so ready to get started!"



#### **Director of Athletics, Roman Smith**

"We are thrilled to welcome Taylor and his Wife Natalie to NorthWood," Smith said. "Throughout this process, Taylor did an excellent job of showing us who he is as a leader and coach of the game. His combination of high intellect and humility, his faith, his belief, the way his values align with NorthWood's, his unbelievable passion and wisdom for the game of basketball and the way he pours into his players is why we selected Taylor Burkhart as our Girl's Basketball coach here at NorthWood High School," Smith said. "Here's to new beginnings!"

Burkhart has had stops at Wawasee, Brownsburg, and Bremen High School prior to coming to NorthWood. He has also been an active IHSAA Official.

As a player, Burkhart was coached by Hall of Fame Coach, Bill Patrick, at Tippecanoe Valley. He then went on to play at the next level at the University of Saint Francis.

Taylor earned a degree in secondary education with an emphasis in physical education from the University of Saint Francis. Taylor will be added to our Elementary Physical Education Department at both Nappanee and Woodview Elementary here at WaNee Community Schools.