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DETROIT COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL NAMES NEW VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL COACH *Mark Bray brings experience and leadership to storied basketball program*

BEVERLY HILLS, Mich., June XX, 2013—Detroit Country Day School (DCDS) is proud to announce Mark Bray as their new Varsity Boys Basketball head coach. Bray will assume coaching duties from recently retired, longtime DCDS Coach, Teacher and Athletic Director Kurt Keener. In addition to this role, Bray will join the DCDS academic faculty, teaching history at the Upper School. DCDS Executive Director of Athletics Dan MacLean made the announcement.

DCDS has a long history of academic and athletic success, and is confident that Bray will continue this tradition of excellence both in the classroom and on the court. “Coach Bray impressed our committee from day one with his ability to build a comprehensive basketball program for all ages, his passion for teaching and coaching, and character,” said MacLean. “We believe he has the right balance of competitive spirit, basketball knowledge and commitment to education to build on our rich history of basketball excellence.”

Since 2004, Bray has taught and coached at Utica Community Schools as a social studies and physical education teacher, and as the Varsity Boys Basketball coach. Throughout his tenure, he has built a successful career with notable achievements. In 2007, Bray was honored with Macomb Area Conference Coach of the Year and Metro East Coach of the Year awards. In 2010, Coach Bray served as president of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Bray, a metro Detroit native, graduated from Hope College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science, and played all four years on Hope College’s basketball team. His successful career as a Dutchman included a national NCAA Division III runner-up finish, and he served as captain of the team his junior and senior years. After his playing career, Coach Bray joined the Bluffton University basketball program as a graduate assistant, followed by two years as the director of basketball operations at Central Michigan University (CMU). During Bray’s time at CMU, the Chippewas competed in the NCAA basketball championships, advancing to the second round of the tournament.

Detroit Country Day School offers students from preschool through high school an exemplary education rooted in academic vigor and a commitment to the full development of each student’s potential. The school is an independent, coeducational, non-denominational, college preparatory school nationally recognized for excellence in academics, athletics and the fine and performing arts. Founded in 1914 by F. Alden Shaw, Detroit Country Day School today enrolls more than 1,500 students on four campuses located in Beverly Hills and Bloomfield Township, Michigan. For additional information, please visit www.dcds.edu.

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