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VASJ football coach Elvis Grbac '88 steps down to pursue business opportunity

CLEVELAND, Ohio – Former NFL Super Bowl quarterback Elvis Grbac '88 has decided not to return as head football coach at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School next season. Grbac recently informed VASJ administration of his decision and told his players today.

VASJ Principal Dave Csank said the search for a new coach will begin immediately.

"Elvis has been a great asset to our school and an inspiration to all of our students, athletes and otherwise," Csank said. "But we understand his decision and we appreciate the time he has given us to make a careful decision going forward."

"I am pursuing a business opportunity that precludes me from giving full attention to my coaching duties," Grbac explained. "I'm also continuing to work toward my master's degree in theology from St. Mary's Seminary. I just can't do justice to all these efforts simultaneously."

For the remainder of the school year, Grbac plans to continue in his role as director of the Marianist Urban Students Program, which identifies high-potential students from selected elementary schools and offers them financial, academic and social support during their time at VASJ.

Following his graduation from St. Joseph High School in 1988, Grbac studied and played football at the University of Michigan. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1993. As quarterback of the football team, he led the Wolverines to a Gator Bowl and three Rose Bowls and is best remembered for throwing to St. Joseph High School classmate Desmond Howard during Howard's Heisman-winning season in 1991. In that season, Grbac's pass to Howard sealed a 24–14 victory over Notre Dame. In that game, Grbac completed 20-of-22 passes, a record for a Notre Dame opponent.

After college, Grbac went on to serve as quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, helping the team to win the Super Bowl in 1994. He also played for the Kansas City Chiefs for several years before finishing his NFL career with the Baltimore Ravens in 2001.

Grbac said he leaves VASJ with gratitude for the new memories he made at his alma mater. "Regardless of my official role at VASJ, I plan to continue to support the school in every way I can," he said. "I love the school and everything it stands for."

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, comprehensive college-preparatory school rooted in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions and committed to the spiritual, academic and personal growth of each student.



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