

## Shelton High School welcomes new football coach



SHELTON - The Shelton High School Athletic Department has appointed Michael DeFelice as head coach of the football team.

He replaces Jeff Roy who recently retired after 16 years.

DeFelice is a social studies teacher at Shelton High School and has been involved coaching football for the past 22 years. He has worked as offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator, and head freshman coach.

He is a 1996 graduate of Shelton High School and played football for four years for Coach Joe Benanto, including in the 1995 CIAC Class LL State championship team.

"I am very excited to be able to continue and add to the Shelton football tradition," he said. "My staff and I are ready to help make the student athletes we coach better players and people that will represent Shelton High and the city in a positive manner."

"We are confident that Coach DeFelice will bring the needed experience and enthusiasm to continue the winning tradition and will provide a steady continuity for our student athletes during these uncertain times," said John Niski, Director of Athletics.

Shelton Interim Superintendent Dr. Beth Smith said, "Mike understands the expectations of the administration and knows how passionate the community is for Gael football."

SHS Interim Principal Kathy Riddle said, "Coach DeFelice knows Shelton football well and also the expectations that come from our school and community. I'm excited for him and the enthusiasm he brings to our program."

Jeff Roy said, "DeFelice was my right hand man and knows the program and system well. He is respected by the players and their parents. I am excited for him."

The Gaels are currently preparing for the upcoming season through the summer conditioning program and are looking forward to a great year.

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