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Christian Brothers hires George Petrissans as new football coach

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George Petrissans has been elevated to head football coach at Christian Brothers High School, ushering in a new era and the same high expectations of championship success.

A nine-year veteran on the CBS staff who has coached the lines, linebackers and at times coordinated the offense and the defense, Petrissans takes over for Andre Johansen, who rejuvenated the program after inheriting a team in 2005 that went 1-9 the previous season.

Johansen guided five playoff teams and mentored a number of scholarship athletes, including Asa Jackson, an All-America defensive back at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

CBS had championship success in the 1960s and '70s under coach Dick Sperbeck. It won Sac-Joaquin Section crowns under Craig Rundle in 1981 and Jeff Tisdell in 1983. CBS reached the City Championship in 1986 under Dan Hawkins, who went on to coaching success at Boise State. Greg Meegan led playoff teams in the 1990s.

CBS has not won a playoff game since 1986, with 12 consecutive playoff setbacks.

Petrissans played football at St. Mary's College in Moraga. He was an assistant coach at San Jose State and a graduate assistant at Cal before returning to St. Mary's as a defensive line coach, outside linebackers coach and a special teams coordinator. He has a BA in history from St. Mary's, a master's in education from Cal and single-subject teaching credentials in social science and physical education.

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