



He's Trained 24 Head Coaches in State

Coach Sid: A Coach's Coach

David Simoneaux Goes to Catholic: Latest Prodigy of Legendary Coach

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CENTRAL — David Simoneaux has been named head football coach at Catholic High. He is the latest of two dozen of Coach Sid Edwards' former players and assistant coaches to be named head football coach or head basketball coach at schools in Louisiana, mostly in the Baton Rouge area.

Coach Sid has been at Central High School for the past 15 years and previously coached at Redemptorist in Baton Rouge and Jesuit in New Orleans. At Central, he has been Athletic Director, head football coach, and for two seasons head basketball coach.

Coach Sid's record at Redemptorist was:

Football - 73-14

Basketball - 75-18

At Central High, his record is:

Football - 108-41

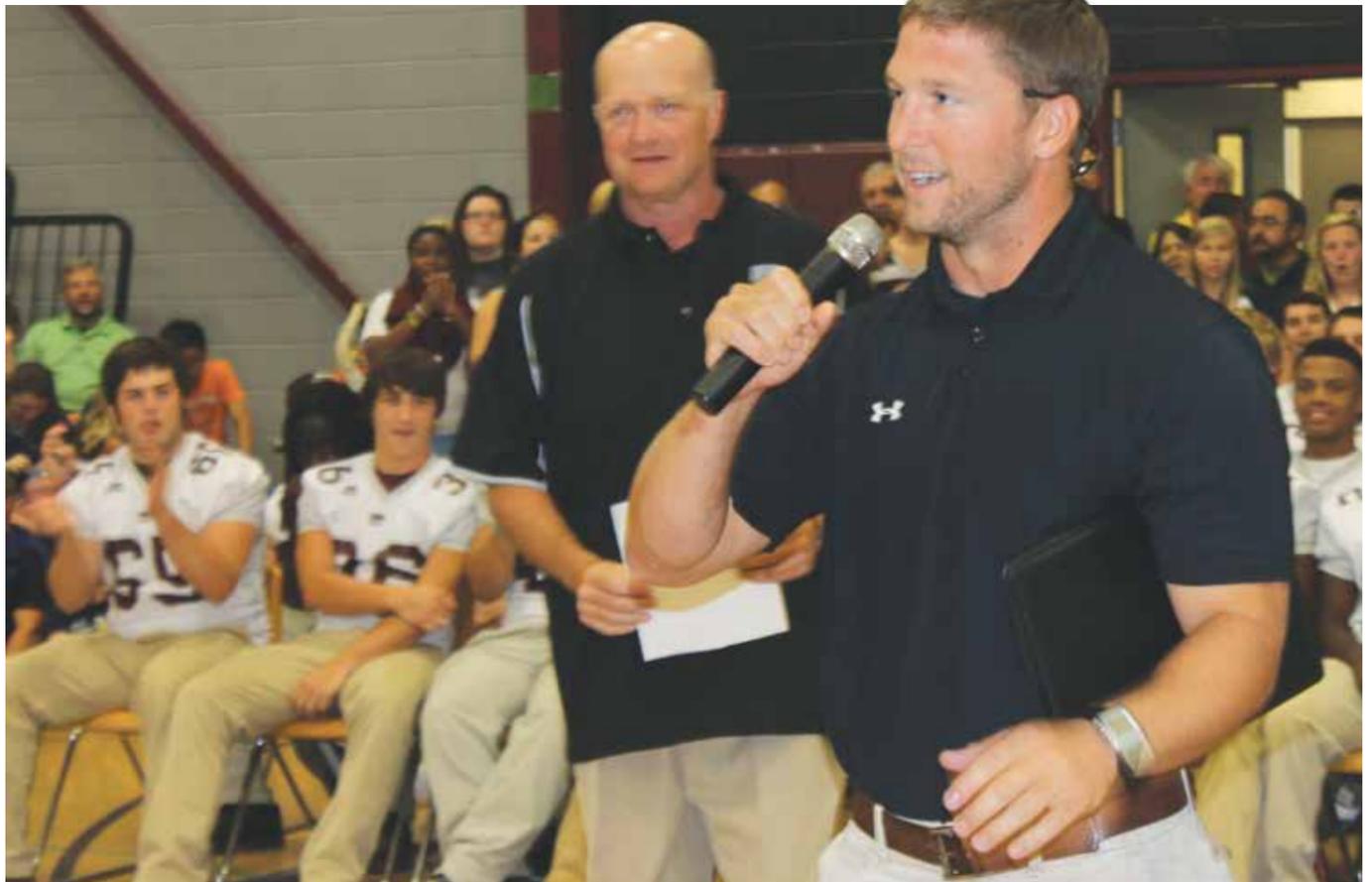
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However, as the legendary Central coach says, "At the pearly gates, Jesus won't ask how many wins or losses we had!"

For Sid Edwards, it's all about the kids he mentors and the colleagues he works with.

Since Coach Sid arrived at Central High in 2006, this reporter has watched him address his teams after a big win or a narrow loss on

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DAVID SIMONEAUX is new head football coach at Catholic High, one of Coach Sid Edwards' many former assistants who've risen.

Ashley Lewis-Rush Named Central A.D.

CENTRAL — Central schools Supt. Jason Fountain has appointed former college softball coach and Central High graduate Ashley Lewis Rush as the new Athletic Director of the Central Community School System.

Prior to the hire, the athletic director position was held by Coach Sid Edwards, who will continue to serve as Head Football Coach. Fountain said, "Splitting these positions will allow Coach Sid to

continue his focus on building a championship football program for years to come. This also allows our other sports programs to receive greater attention so that we can create an all-around



Ashley Rush
New Central A.D.

elite athletic program."

"In a district of our size, we need an individual who can coordinate all of our athletic programs and work with other feeder programs, such as middle school and community youth sports programs, to ensure our students are given every opportunity to develop and compete at a high level," he said.

Rush formerly coached college softball teams at Northwestern

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Lazaroe, Messina: Special Council Election Saturday

CENTRAL — Former Central City Councilman Wayne Messina is running for election to the Council from District 1 in a Special Election this Saturday, March 20.

Messina said the big issue in Central continues to be drainage, and he is angry the Corps of Engineers continues to drag its feet in construction of the Comite Diversion Canal, despite the fact the project is fully funded. He said he will continue to push dredging of the Comite River, Blackwater Bayou, and Beaver Creek. "It's been 50 years since the Comite was dredged. It should be done at least every 10 years," he said.

Messina said he believes his experience on the Council will be a big plus for getting things done.



SPECIAL ELECTION SATURDAY — Tim Lazaroe (left) and Wayne Messina are running for a seat on the Central City Council from District 1 this Saturday.

Messina said he is concerned that the current Council has spent all its time arguing with each other and the mayor and has gotten nothing done.

He has walked every house in the district, he said.

Meanwhile, his opponent, Councilman Tim Lazaroe, agrees that the Council has spent too much time arguing. He wants to stop the fighting and work together and with the school board. He favors locating City Hall at Hooper at Sullivan, rather than behind Capital One on Hooper.

"We really need to resolve our differences from the past and work together," he said. He is concerned about a low turnout and is encouraging everyone to vote Saturday.