

**Championship Counselor**  
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**VO:** Guidance counselor Ms. McDonnell is also a championship basketball coach.

**KM:** I think what made me want to coach was that I always had incredible coaches growing up. I had people that invested interest in me not just as a basketball player but as a person.

**VO:** McDonnell's coaching career began as an assistant at Stonehill in 2003, but in 2009 she got her own program at Braintree High School. Coach McDonnell says it's the perfect place to coach basketball.

**KM:** I'm lucky I coach a lot of kids that just get after it all game and work really hard

**VO:** And she's had a ton of success capturing back to back state titles in 2014 and 2015. This season they're making another run.

**KM:** I think these kids have been really mature over the years and understand that it takes each practice and getting better everyday and hopefully with all that practice and focus will be able to come out with those wins at the end of it.

**VO:** McDonnell says that she tries to keep things interesting at practices in order to keep her girl's motivated. Shooting guard Ally Dillon appreciates not having to do the same drills over and over again.

**AD:** it's not just one of these things you dread it's fun to be here and work with coach and the players... and she makes it fun it's not just work work work we joke around a lot too

**VO:** Along with joking players will say that practices can also be intense.

**JR:** we don't take anything personal so were able to communicate even if it's a little aggressive

**VO:** Not only is the tournament stacked but they are facing the most competitive side of the bracket

**KM:** we end up playing probably one of the best teams in the state and Bishop Feehan we've had battles with them all year.

**VO:** they've won a couple state tournaments over the years.

**KM:** I think this team is hungry to get back to it, a lot of them have played on those teams when they were freshman and sophomores and now some of the seniors who are still here.

**VO:** the wamps fell short in the state tournament this season, but with a talented young group returning they could be back next year. Reporting for Mustang Magazine I'm Ali Giambanco.

