

Good morning! I hope you and your family are all well. Welcome to the Tip of the Day for 2020-21. With all that has happened in 2020, I hope you have been able to find something positive to stay focused on.

First off, THANK YOU to all who have continued to fight the good fight for high school sports in the fall and currently. Fall sports was completed and THAT is something that VERY FEW people thought could happen! Here's to the same hopes for the winter season.

Secondly, a HUGE shout out to the PIAA for ALLOWING the fall season to happen and for the winter season to start on time. Cannot be more appreciative to them for not putting further constraints on schools and us in starting.

Third, thank you to all officials who finished their careers last spring. Your commitment, expertise and mentoring were invaluable to this avocation.

Fourth, thank you to my family and friends for putting up with me and my love of basketball.....for listening to me yell at the announcer on that college game because he/she has NO CLUE what the rule REALLY is!!!! I cannot say enough about my family and what basketball/officiating means to me/us. I love them all and they mean the world to me.

Lastly, please do not forget those officials who might not be on this earth anymore, especially those who were mentors or even more special than that. With that in mind, if your mentor still is here, PLEASE take time to drop him/her a card, email or make a phone call to let that person know your appreciation.

One major impact I have realized more from all that has happened this year....we cannot take anything for granted and it is pretty easy to say a few words to make someone feel appreciated. Sometimes those little things we do are incredibly important to the person we say it to. Take the time to tell someone something good!

Have a GREAT day today and take those few moments to say thank you to the people who deserve it!

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