

State of the Program:

- Great numbers: We have 44 girls in the athletic period and we expect 6-8 more coming out from volleyball.
- 15 - Freshman, 19 - Sophomores, 6 - Juniors, 6 - Seniors
- With those numbers we have 5 teams playing fall league, with a record of 9-3 so far.
- The school record for wins 24-11, JV 25-3, 9th 28-0 and 20-1
- What does that guarantee... absolutely nothing!

Teams:

- We will carry 4 teams this year. Varsity, JV, Freshman Black, and Freshman Red
- The number on each teams will vary on lots of different considerations, but ideally, we would like our number so be around 12 per team.
- Doing the math we have 34 athletes trying out for JV / Varsity teams which is ideally 24 spots... We are currently getting with each athlete and doing individual talks (for the 2nd time this year).
- What does that mean: We will have athletes that do not make the teams. For those that do not make it, I have already said that there is not a kid in this program that I do not want to be a part of us in some form or fashion.
- We will continue to communicate with the athletes as we get closer to the start of the season.

Tryouts and timeline:

- Officially our tryouts will be Wednesday, October 23 through Friday, October 25. We may not be able to fully announce teams until Volleyball is over and we get a chance to see those athletes.
- We will tentatively set our naming of teams to Friday, October 25, but per the above statement, we may have to push that back.
- First day of official practice: Wednesday, October 23 times TBD (I will need to coordinate with VB for the 1st week)
- Normal Practice times: Mon. - Fri.
 - Varsity : 4:10pm to 5:30pm
 - JV : 4:10pm to 5:30pm
 - 9th : 6:45am - 8:00am

Schedule:

- Copies and on the website
- Scrimmage Saturday, Nov. 2nd 10-noon. Pot-luck to follow. If at all possible, please plan on attending. This is a great time for fellowship and getting to know each other (especially those new to the program and freshman parents)

Fund-raiser:

- Last week we asked for \$300 (\$200 if not wanting shoes)
 - Cover away meal cost
 - Player shirts

- UA shoes
- At \$300 we really are not putting money into the program... that is ok, not our goal.

Tournament:

- December 26th-28th
- 15 - Varsity teams (looking for one more)
- 9 - JV teams
- 9 - Freshman teams
- Over 70 games played in 3 days
- We will use all 4 gyms. This is our fundraiser for our program. This is the time that we will need your help.
 - Concession workers
 - Clock/book help
 - Hospitality room
 - Sponsorship? Do you have a business that would like to donate/advertise
 - Team Bags
 - Tournament shirts?

This year:

- We want communication to come from our athletes, we want to teach them to communicate and advocate for themselves. If they don't understand something, ask.
- We demand great teammates - great teammates will succeed in life
- When you walk into a gym you are either a Player, Coach, Official or Spectator/Parent/Fan. Stay within your roll. Stay in your lane.
- Let our coaches coach
- Let our players play
- Let our officials officiate
- Enjoy what your daughter is doing and allow her to enjoy it.
- If you have any concerns, let's handle them in the following order.
 - 1st - Let your child handle the situation. We have an open door that our athletes are always welcome. If they have any questions, they need to ask.
 - 2nd - Meeting with the coaches, parents, and athletes to discuss issues.
 - 3rd - If that does not solve our issues then we will contact our AD (Hank Carter) and/or Assistant AD (Michael Drinkwater).
 - 4th - If it needs to go beyond that, will help
 - If at all possible, let's handle any issues face to face or over the phone. Email is not a great way for a math teacher to communicate... bad spelling, incorrect punctuation, not to mention the tone of emails are almost always taken incorrectly especially in emotional times.
- We all need to remember, we are in this together. We should never be against each other. We have high expectations, that can only be reached by working together.

- Please avoid any confrontation with players and coaches after games, After games emotions are usually running high (both good and bad). Even in my post-game talks with athletes, I try to limit what I say, especially if it is not positive. My take the next day is always a better perspective than right after the game.
- Read something the other day that said, the greatest thing we can tell our athletes after the game is “I loved watching you play!”

Booster Club

- Our goal is 100% membership

President: Amy Still

Vice President: Dave Hart

Secretary: Lynne Neises and Stephanie Haney

Treasure: Lezlie Kirkpatrick