

Parents and Players of the Memorial High School Basketball Program:

I would like to take this opportunity to explain the basketball program here at Memorial to each of you. The coaching staff is very proud of our athletes, not only in their athletic endeavors, but scholastically as well. We encourage our girls to excel academically and as leaders of our student body. It is expected that all of our girls represent Memorial High School with pride and distinction. Being an athlete is very demanding, but hopefully a rewarding experience. We hope to be able to instill a sense of responsibility, organization, and self-discipline in all of our athletes.

Building and maintaining a winning program takes hard work and perseverance. Several factors come to mind when considering what it takes to reach goals such as district, regional, and state championships. Recognition for college bound athletes is just one of the positive aspects that comes from having a winning tradition.

The competition in this region is probably the toughest in the state. It is not enough today to simply have athletes with the ability to play good basketball. It takes more than that and it all begins at the sub-varsity level. We need athletes that are willing to dedicate themselves to being the best they can be. It takes athletes that will work not only during the season, but throughout the spring and summer as well. The off-season offers Summer League and open gym opportunities as well as camps available in the summer. All of these are crucial in the preparation for a winning season.

We need a commitment from our athletes to work throughout the year in order to make us winners. There is no room in our program for the athlete that lacks the desire to be her best. We need sub-varsity athletes willing to support the efforts of the Varsity team by being present at the games, cheering them on and looking to the Varsity as a learning tool to improve their game. In addition, we need Varsity athletes that will take the leadership responsibilities necessary to set an example of a winning attitude both on and off the court. We also need our Varsity athletes to encourage, support, and assist the sub-varsity athletes in their efforts for a winning season. Lastly, we need parents that will encourage their daughters to have a winning attitude, that are dedicated to our cause, that will take the responsibility of ensuring their daughters involvement in the off-season and summer program, and parents that support the efforts of all teams that comprise the basketball program. Parental support is vital in obtaining our goals.

Our coaching staff is looking forward to working with your daughter and we expect a great season! Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Respectfully yours,

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