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HEAD COACHES LUNCH

WESTMINSTER ACADEMY®

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MISSION STATEMENT

Westminster Academy[®] is a Christ-centered, biblically-based college preparatory school dedicated to equipping covenant students to excel by using their gifts and talents for God's glory.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEDICATED TO:

1. Teaching and modeling God's truth, wisdom and prayerful discernment in all areas of our school ministry as we exemplify Jesus Christ with our words, work and witness.
2. Equipping our students with a scholarly and biblical world and life view as we educate them to become exceptional life-long learners, extraordinary thinkers and Christ-honoring decision makers.
3. Inspiring our students to excel with their gifts and talents in academics, spiritual and character development, fine arts, athletics, service to others and student life programs.
4. Instilling in our students a biblical love and respect for God, His truth, Jesus Christ, parents, family, teachers, school, church, community and country.
5. Encouraging and discipling our students, alumni and school community to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and their understanding of God's Holy Word as they strive to be champions of the three greats—the Great Commandment, the Great Commission and the Great Cultural Mandate.

2010-2011 School Theme
“DEVOTED TO CHRIST”

School Verse

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

-Mark 12:30-31

DEVOTED TO CHRIST

Wholeheartedly determined to know Jesus more and make Him known to others (Two Greats).
(Mark 12:30-31) (Matthew 28:18-20)

DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE

Wholeheartedly determined to carry out God's Kingdom work in a timely manner with a Christ-centered attitude and approach.
(Galatians 6:9) (Colossians 3:23-24)

WHOLEHEARTEDLY

Completely, sincerely, eagerly, conspicuous and contagious
(Ephesians 6:7-8)

**THE THREE C'S OF A
CHRIST-HONORING TEAM**

Cooperation • Collaboration • Compromise
(Ephesians 4:1-6)

*My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be **quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.** (James 1:19)*

T.H.I.N.K.

Truthful
Helpful
Important
Necessary
Kind

HELPFUL REMINDERS FOR COACHES

1. **Please copy the Athletic Director (Leo) on all parent and player emails, letters and text messages (orsinol@wacad.edu).** Please continue to be pro-active in your communication with Shannon, Casey, Jake and Leo so we can continue to support, encourage and promote your Kingdom work with our student-athletes and our school community.
2. **Please continue to seek and receive pre-approval for all of your purchases, schedules, games and action plans.**
3. **Please continue to encourage your student-athletes to be serious and safe during their strength and conditioning sessions.**
4. **Please continue to encourage your student-athletes to participate in multiple sports.**
5. **If a student-athlete wants to participate in two sports in one season they need special permission from their main sport coach and the Athletic Director.** Their main sport responsibilities will always come first.
6. **If the student-athlete has a fine arts concert or fine arts competition or other WA responsibility, please work closely with the fine arts department or WA teacher or staff member -** we want our student-athletes to participate in multiple areas of our school ministry.
7. **Please continue to avoid games on the same day as our main school events** (this would include all of our fine arts concerts and competitions).
8. **Please remove your equipment, uniforms and team gear from the athletic office in a timely manner.**
9. **Please collect all of your uniforms and equipment for your sport in a timely manner** (you are responsible for missing uniforms, items and equipment).
10. **Please continue to be sensitive to church, family and academic time** - also please continue to follow all of the athletic protocols and expectations.
11. **Please remember to begin and end each practice and game with prayer.** Please begin all varsity games with a prayer and the national anthem. (at the varsity level, we prefer the prayer to be said by a student-athlete and the national anthem to be sung by one of our students). IF you practice at the athletic complex please make sure your student-athletes are ready for either the 5:30 or 6:15 p.m. bus.
12. **Thank you to those who have scheduled a Spring sport parent meeting.** If you have not scheduled a parent meeting please do so ASAP. Please invite the Booster Club board members so they can encourage parents to volunteer for the concession and the gate. Please note that Baseball will coordinate its own concession and gate volunteers.

COACHES EXPECTATIONS AT WESTMINSTER ACADEMY®

It is an honor and privilege to be called by God to coach at Westminster Academy®. As a coach at WA, I have been called to wholeheartedly strive to meet, and whenever possible exceed the following expectations for God's glory:

1. exemplify Jesus Christ with my words, attitude, practices, preparation, performances and witness both on and off the field.
2. pursue excellence as a coach, educator, employee, team member and school community member in everything I say and do both on and off the field.
3. prepare, expect and encourage the student-athletes entrusted into my care to compete at the highest level to win with honesty and integrity.
4. model a humble and thankful spirit in victory and a gracious and respectful spirit in defeat
5. demonstrate a respectful attitude and an appreciation for my players, coaches, parents, fans, opponents and officials in victory and defeat.

STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPECTATIONS AT WESTMINSTER ACADEMY®

It is an honor and privilege to participate in athletics at Westminster Academy®. As a student-athlete at WA, I am expected to strive to meet and whenever possible exceed the following expectations for God's glory:

1. exemplify Jesus Christ with my words, attitude, practices, preparation, performances and witness both on and off the field
2. pursue excellence as an individual, team member and school community member in academics as well as athletics
3. prepare, expect and compete to win with honesty and integrity
4. model a humble and thankful spirit in victory and a gracious and respectful spirit in defeat
5. demonstrate a respectful attitude and an appreciation for my parents, coaches, teammates, fans, opponents and officials in victory and defeat.

ATHLETIC PROTOCOLS AT WESTMINSTER ACADEMY®

We truly appreciate our coaches and the great Kingdom work they do for our student-athletes and our school community. Thank you for answering God's call to coach and disciple our student-athletes at WA.

Below please find Westminster Academy's athletic protocols that are intended to encourage and facilitate a balance in each student-athlete's educational and spiritual journey. We want to continue to promote a Christ-honoring, competitive, ministry-minded, family-friendly athletic program at WA.

When planning your season from practices and games to travel and tournaments, please prayerfully consider the following:

1. How can we best protect and promote God's glory as we follow our school's mission and guiding principles in all areas of our athletic program.
2. What is the best way to be sensitive to the needs of our student-athletes (family time, spiritual growth, intellectual and physical development—the education of the whole child)
3. What is best for your team and program (all the grade-level teams in your sport)?
4. What is best for the overall Athletic program (lower school, middle school, JV and varsity teams), as well as proper use of personnel, resources, facilities and buses?
5. What is best for the entire school community—we need to make every effort to avoid scheduling conflicts relating to academics, church, fine arts, field trips, mission trips, etc.

COACHES ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO:

1. Start and end every practice and game with prayer (varsity games are also to play or have someone sing the national anthem after the prayer and prior to the start of the game);
2. Inspire every student-athlete to excel with their gifts and talents in academics and other co-curricular areas at WA;
3. Inspire every student-athlete to prepare, practice, play and expect to win with integrity. Win or lose, we are to be gracious and Christ-honoring at all times with our words, practice, pre-game activities, game strategies, post-game reactions to the officials, our opponents, the fans, one another and the scoreboard;
4. Encourage every student-athlete to participate in strength and conditioning either by enrolling in the class or the after-school program (especially during the off season);

5. Encourage every student-athlete to participate in more than one sport at WA;

ATHLETIC PROTOCOLS (CONTINUED)...

Please continue to work closely with faculty, staff, volunteers, school leadership and other coaches to protect and promote the unity of the school community. It is imperative that coaches make a commitment to be Christ-honoring with their words, work and witness. They are expected to be pro-active in their communication with players, parents and school leadership. They are to seek prior approval from the athletic director and headmaster before finalizing their practice and game schedules, trips, tournaments and camps.

COACHES ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THESE PROTOCOLS WHEN SCHEDULING GAMES (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE TOURNAMENT OR STATE SERIES GAMES):

1. Please make every effort to schedule no more than two games per week with no more than one away game per week. If you must schedule three games in a week than the following week must have only two games (you cannot have more 10 games per month). Please do not travel long distances on a school night—(no more than 30 minutes for middle school or 45 minutes for high school on school nights).
2. Please avoid scheduling a game on both a Friday and Saturday in the same week. Please avoid scheduling two consecutive Saturday games (please no more than two Saturday games per month).
3. Please avoid scheduling games on Wednesday evenings (if you must, please make sure it is only once per month).
4. Please try to avoid playing back-to-back nights unless the second game is on a Friday night or the students are off from school the next day. Do not play away games back-to-back on school nights.
5. Please be strategic and creative when scheduling especially non-district games and travel. For safety reasons, please schedule non-district games according to the competitive level of your team. Please make every effort to schedule non-district teams that are at the same competitive level with the same sportsmanship standards.

*Thank you for truly impacting our students for Christ
as you help them discover their gifts and talents
to be used for God's glory.*