

Parents,

On Tuesday, we had our annual teacher appreciation night where our girls got to recognize their teachers who have had an impact on them. It was great to see all of the teachers at the game cheering on our teams. I want to thank Julia Dolberry for organizing this event! I also want to thank Dina Schaeffer for making the teacher gifts! I had several teachers tell me how nice it was to have dinner provided and to be recognized for their hard work.

I want to give a big thank you to Julia Dolberry for putting together our media guide this year! Heading this project up is time consuming and Julia does a terrific job. The media guide recognizes all of our teams and players from the 7th-12th grade. Get your copy of the media guide at the next home game and all home games thereafter. The cost of the media guide is \$5. We appreciate the support.

Congratulations to the JV Black for going 3-0 in the Highway 5 tournament. In the three games, we gave up a total of 36 points for an average of 12 points per game. Coaches love it when our teams have a great defensive effort!

Please read below for more information on upcoming events.

High School Schedule from December 16th-January 4th

12/16: All 3 teams practice from 1:00-3:00pm

12/17: All 3 teams practice from 2:15-4:15pm

12/18: All 3 teams practice from 1:45-3:45pm

12/19: Practice during 4th and 8th period exam. No after school practice. We will have our Christmas Party @ Seis Lagos @ 5:00pm

12/20:

JV RED-OFF. This game was canceled due to Community not having enough players for a 3rd team.

JV Black and Varsity play @ Community

Varsity shootaround 9:00-9:40am

JV Black arrive at 9:30am

Bus leaves at 9:45am

Jv Black game at 11:15am

Varsity game at 12:30pm

12/21-12/26- OFF

12/27:All 3 teams practice 9-11am

12/28: Home game vs Pearce 11/11/1230
Varsity Shootaround @ 10-10:30am
JV teams arrive by 10:00am

12/29: OFF

12/30: Home game vs Keller 10/10/1130
Varsity Shootaround 9:00-9:30am
JV teams arrive by 9:00am

12/31: Varsity Practice only 8-10:00am

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1/2: All 3 teams practice 9-11:00am

1/3: Game @ Flower Mound 11/11/1230
Varsity Shootaround 8:35-9:05am
JV Teams arrive by 8:55am
Bus leaves 9:10am

1/4: Varsity Practice only 9-11am

Shoot-A-Thon

Each year, the Lady Leopards basketball program has committed to one charitable fundraiser, our "Shoot-A-Thon". The premise is simple. Each player will go out and seek a pledge from family, friends, & neighbors for a dollar amount made for each free throw made in the Shoot-a-Thon. Each player will attempt 100 free throws. Of course, the person pledging may also make a flat donation, regardless of the number of shots made. The Shoot-a-Thon is for ***all girls in the basketball program***: all high school and all middle school teams will participate. We are attaching a pledge sheet that your daughter should use for collecting pledges. Seeing family over the holidays gives them a good chance to talk about the Shoot-A-Thon. Supporters can also use the Cheddar Up Link to pay for their pledges/donations. All money is due January 17, 2019.

www.lovejoygirlsbasketball.cheddarup.com

Two thirds of the money raised will go directly back into the basketball program, as this is our main fundraiser. The money in the past has purchased items such as shooting machines, uniforms, miscellaneous equipment, video equipment/software, and tournament costs. With shrinking school budgets, this money has really been a life saver for providing the extras for our program.

We donate the other third of the funds to a charity. In the past, we have donated to programs like the Jimmy V Foundation for cancer research and the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, Heros & Lovejoy Special Olympics. This year, the basketball program will donate this portion to Cornerstone Ranch in McKinney. Please take the time to watch the video below to learn a little about Cornerstone Ranch.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcBtpVw9cPo>

WEBSITE:

<https://www.cornerstone-ranch.com/>

We will shoot free throws on Saturday January 11th. We will also have a pancake breakfast that morning for the girls. A sign up will be sent out in the next few weeks to help with the pancake breakfast. It is a fun morning for all of the girls in the Lovejoy Basketball Program to come together.

Thank you in advance for encouraging your athlete to participate, and for your support as well

Pictures

If you are wanting to order team and or individual photos please use the information below to place your order. All orders need to be placed prior to December 18th.

To order: go to www.CareyLynn.com and go to Order Online

Passwords for galleries are lhs2019 for all LHS sports and wsms2019 for all WSMS sports.

Christmas Party at Seis Lagos 12-19-19

Our next team dinner will be our Christmas Party.

We will have our annual Christmas Party at Seis Lagos Clubhouse (224 Seis Lagos Trail, Wylie) 5:00 pm for all 3 of our high school teams. We are asking each girl to bring a wrapped present for the exchange. We do not want the players to spend more than \$10-15 on the gift. Each player, manager, and student trainer will draw a name at the end of practice tomorrow for the gift exchange. If you are a parent of a 9th grade girl and this is your first High School Basketball Christmas Party, some examples of gifts in the past are things like gift cards, candy, socks, etc. If you are driving your daughter to the party you will need to let the front gate at Seis Lagos know that you are a part of the Lovejoy GirlsBasketball Team. We will tell all players to text parents when the party is about to be over so they can be picked up. We are expecting the party to last for about an hour and a half.

Dates To Mark On Your Calendar

Please mark your calendars for several team functions we will have over the next several months

December 19 Christmas Party @ Seis Lagos

January 11 Shootathon

January 14 Middle School Recognition @ Halftime of Varsity Game
February 6 High School Watch 8th Grade Game
February 11 Senior Night
March 30 High School Banquet

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks!