

Parents,

We had a loss of a Lovejoy Lady Leopard family member this Thanksgiving Holiday as Matt Ehlmann passed away. Matt was the father of 2018 graduate Meredith Ehlmann. Matt served as a booster club officer for 4 years. He was very supportive of our program and will be greatly missed. There will be a memorial service on December 10th at Seis Lagos Clubhouse. Dress is informal.

Please read below for more information on upcoming events.

High School Weekly Schedule

12/2: All 3 teams practice from 4:15-5:30pm

12/3: All 3 teams practice from 4:15-5:15pm

12/4: JV Red and Black practice from 4:15-5:15pm. Varsity Leaves for Buda Tournament

12/5: No practice

12/6:

- JV Red Bus will leave at 8:40am
- 1st game at 10:00am at Princeton High School
- Players will return to school around 12:30pm. All players will eat C lunch
- Players will leave class at 3:45pm
- Bus will leave at 4:00pm
- 2nd game at 5:30pm
- JV Black-OFF

12/7: JV Red TBA and JV Black-OFF

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

Teacher Appreciation Night 12-10-19

We will have teacher appreciation night on December 10th. Each girl needs to select one of their teachers that has had a big impact on them. Each one of our girls will need to write a short explanation on why their teacher has made such a big impact on them. Before the game, we will call out each player with the teacher they selected to the center of the floor to be recognized in front of the crowd. All of our managers and players from all three teams will participate in this event.

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.

JV Red Tournament @ Princeton December 5th-7th

I have attached the bracket. We are in the 9th grade pool B.

Buda Hays Varsity Trip December 4th-December 7th

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express. Here is the hotel information...

15295 IH 35

Buda TX 78610

Phone Number: 512-295-8040

Our team will check in December 4th and check out on December 7th. Parents are welcomed to stay at the same hotel.

A block of rooms for the parents is being held at the Buda Holiday Inn. You may book your room by contacting the property directly at [512-295-8040](tel:512-295-8040) and referencing Block Code LJP (Lovejoy Parents Block) or by using the link below. Any rooms not booked will be released on November 22.

Lovejoy Parents block- Holiday Inn Express and Suites Austin South-

We will leave school at 3:35pm on December 4th. We are going to stop in Waco on the way to take the girls to the Baylor v. Georgia game that evening at 7:00pm. Tickets have been provided by the Baylor Women's Basketball Team. The girls will need a photo ID to get into the game. Attached please find the clear bag policy of the Ferrell Center, Baylor's Basketball arena.

<https://baylorbears.com/sports/2018/5/16/facilities-ferrell-html.aspx>

All meals during the trip will be paid for by our booster club. However, we recommend the girls bring money in the event that we decide to go out for a team outing. Last year we took the girls bowling after one of our games. Also, if the girls want to buy snacks at the Baylor game and/or hotel they will need to use their own money. Our first game in the tournament is on December 5th at 3:00pm. We will play our 2nd game at 6:00pm later that evening. Both games are at Lehman High School on Thursday. I have attached the bracket.

All games will be played at Lehman High School and Hays High School. The addresses to both schools are listed below.

Lehman High School

1700 LEHMAN RD, KYLE, TX, 78640

Hays High School

4800 Jack C. Hays Trail, Buda, TX 78610

Dates To Mark On Your Calendar

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

December 10 Teacher Appreciation

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!