

Parents,

I want to thank all of the parents that traveled to the Buda Hays Tournament this weekend to support our varsity team. I would also like to thank all the parents who donated food and drinks to make the long trip a little more enjoyable! We went 3-2 in the tournament winning our final game over Hays High School by a score of 52-39.

Congrats to our JV Red team for winning the championship of the Princeton Tournament going 3-0 on the weekend. We had an exciting win in the final game as we made a layup at the buzzer to win 21-19!

All three teams will be back in action this Tuesday when we face Denton Braswell at 5:00/5:00/6:30pm at Lovejoy. This is also a special night because it is teacher appreciation night! Come out and support all of our teams and some of our amazing teachers that have made a big impact in the lives of our players and managers!

Please read below for more information on upcoming events.

Cornerstone 12-15-19

Each year we try and partner a community service event with the charity we have chosen to benefit from the Shoot A Thon.

This year we are benefiting Cornerstone Ranch and they have invited us out for dinner on Sunday, December 15th. The girls will help them take apart a Christmas float and have dinner with the Ranchers.

We will meet as a group at 3:50 PM in the Sloan Creek Intermediate School parking lot and drive together as a group to Cornerstone. This service project is for our varsity team as well as our junior class. For planning purposes, we will be at the ranch for about 2 hours. If you have any questions about Sunday, you can contact Angela Adamson at 972-672-6978

High School Schedule

12/9: All 3 teams practice 4:15-5:30pm

12/10: Braswell @ Lovejoy

- Game Day Meal Provided
- 4:15pm Both JV teams report to gym
- 4:50pm JV Teachers recognized before the games in both gyms
- 5:00pm Varsity report to gym
- 5:00pm JV Red game in AUX gym
- 5:00pm JV Black game in MAIN gym
- 6:15pm Varsity teachers recognized in MAIN gym
- 6:30pm Varsity game in MAIN gym

12/11: All 3 teams practice 4:15-5:15pm

12/12:

JV Red-OFF

JV Black

Players leave class at 1:00pm

Bus leaves at 1:15pm

Game @ Van Alstyne High School 3:00pm

Players will need to bring money to eat between games

Game @ Anna High School 7:30pm

Varsity

Bus leaves @ 3:40pm

Game @ Van Alstyne High School 6:00pm

12/13

JV Red-OFF

JV Black and Varsity will travel together

Bus leaves at 8:30am

Varsity Game at Melissa JH 10:30am

JV Game at Melissa JH 12:00pm

Players will need to bring money to eat after the games

Return to school around 3:00pm

12/14:

JV Red-OFF

JV Black-OFF

Varsity- Will play in two games. Times and location TBA

12/15-Cornerstone

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.

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!