

OCTOBER 17, 2002

TO PARENTS OF PUEBLO WEST STARS BASKETBALL TEAMS.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS AND PARENTS OF STARS BASKETBALL. THIS YEAR IS SHAPING UP TO BE OUR BEST SEASON EVER! FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION, I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT OUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE AND OUR HISTORY.

OUR GOALS ARE SIMPLE. WE ARE TRYING TO PROVIDE OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM WITH A HEAD START BASKETBALL PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL PLAY. WE TEACH FUNDAMENTALS AND BASIC SKILLS, SO WHEN THE KIDS GET TO THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS, WE WILL BE COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER SCHOOLS. THERE ARE NO "TRY OUTS" OR SPECIAL TEAM SELECTION. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE POOR SPORTSMANSHIP FROM OUR PLAYERS, PARENTS AND ESPECIALLY FROM OUR COACHES. WE HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO SET AN EXAMPLE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND TEAM SPIRIT TO EVERYONE WE COMPETE WITH.

WE STARTED OUR ORGANIZATION FOUR YEARS AGO WITH TWO BOYS TEAMS, ONE 3<sup>RD</sup> / 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEAM AND ONE 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEAM. WITH OVERWHELMING HELP AND SUPPORT FROM PUEBLO WEST SCHOOLS AND SOME OF OUR PARENTS, WE ORGANIZED AND RAN A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE KIDS. WE WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN PROVIDING FOR OUR KIDS, LEAGUE ENTRY FEES, UNIFORMS, TOURNAMENT FEES AND EXPENSES FOR 4 TOURNAMENTS PER TEAM AND A GREAT END OF YEAR PARTY.

THREE YEARS AGO OUR ORGANIZATION DOUBLED IN SIZE FROM TWO BOYS TEAMS TO 4 BOYS TEAMS. TWO YEARS AGO OUR ORGANIZATION ALMOST DOUBLED IN SIZE AGAIN. LAST YEAR WE PROVIDED EACH PLAYER WITH LEAGUE FEES, UNIFORMS, AND PUT EACH TEAM IN 3 OR MORE TOURNAMENTS. WE HELD 4 FUND RAISING TOURNAMENTS IN WHICH ALL STARS TEAMS PLAYED AND HOSTED. ALL TEAMS PLAYED A COUPLE OUTSIDE TOURNAMENTS ALSO.

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE HOSTING 3 FUND RAISING TOURNAMENTS AND AGAIN WILL BE ASKING OUR PARENTS TO ASSIST US IN RUNNING THESE TOURNAMENTS. ON THE AVERAGE WE ASK FOR EACH PARENT TO WORK 6 HOURS SOME TIME DURING EACH TOURNAMENT WEEKEND. **WE HAVE HAD SOME PARENTS IN THE PAST NOT ASSIST WITH THE FUND RAISING. WE FEEL THIS IS NOT FAIR FOR THE REST OF THE KIDS AND PARENTS WHO HAVE WORKED FOR 3 DAYS STRAIGHT FROM SUN UP TO MIDNIGHT EACH TOURNAMENT. THEREFORE, IF YOU CANNOT HELP BY DONATING SOME TIME TO HELP RUN THE TOURNAMENTS, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE A CASH CONTRIBUTION OF \$100.00 PER PLAYER YOUR FAMILY HAS AS A STAR.**

OUR TOURNAMENT DATES THIS YEAR ARE:

NOV. 30, DEC. 1, 2, 2002  
DEC. 20, 21, 22, 2002  
JAN. 3, 4, 5, 2003

LEAGUE GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT:

RONCALLI MIDDLE SCHOOL  
HEATON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
RISLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CORWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

2<sup>ND</sup> / 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS  
5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS  
6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS AND BOYS  
7<sup>TH</sup> / 8<sup>TH</sup> BOYS AND GIRLS

LEAGUE GAMES WILL BEGIN AFTER THE CHRISTMAS /NEW YEARS VACATION PERIOD. THE SCHEDULES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN AFTER DEC. 15<sup>TH</sup>.

**THE FUTURE OF THIS ORGANIZATION DEPENDS ON PARENT CONTRIBUTION OF TIME ONLY. IF EACH PARENT CANNOT MAKE A SMALL COMMITMENT OF TIME FOR THEIR CHILDREN, THEN THIS ORGANIZATION WILL CEASE TO EXIST.**

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US OR ANY OF THE COACHES AT ANY TIME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

THANK YOU

MARCUS GRACE

STARS PARENT HELPER SHEET

WE ARE ASKING EACH PARENT TO HELP BY EITHER DONATING \$100.00 PER PLAYER IN THEIR FAMILY OR WORK 6 HOURS PER PARENT PER FUND RAISING TOURNAMENT. THE TASKS THAT WE NEED HELP ARE CONCESSION HELP, SCORE KEEPING, CLEAN AND GATE ADMISSIONS. BELOW YOU WILL FIND A SERIES OF TIME SLOTS THAT WE WILL NEED HELP. THE TOURNAMENTS RUN THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES:

FRIDAY FROM 4:00 PM TO 10:00PM  
SATURDAYS FROM 7:00 AM TO 10:00PM  
SUNDAY FROM 7:00 AM TO 5PM

PLEASE FILL IN THE TIME SLOTS THAT YOU **WILL NOT** BE AVAILABLE TO HELP. WE KNOW THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON.

PLAYER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TOURNAMENT DATES \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER YOU CAN BE REACHED AT \_\_\_\_\_

I, WE CANNOT HELP DURING THESE TIMES. PLEASE SCHEDULE ME AT ANY TIME OTHER THAN THESE TIMES LISTED BELOW.

FRIDAY \_\_\_\_\_

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SATURDAY \_\_\_\_\_

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SUNDAY \_\_\_\_\_

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