

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 2010

Dear Hawk Families:

I hope everyone is rested and recovering from our fantastic night. I can't compliment our kids enough for their character, class and heart. When it was time to dig deep they did (especially on Friday and Saturday nights) We faced a tremendous challenge when we ended up in the toughest bracket (probably ever) and had to win 3 straight games to get to the finals.

I used the word "resolute" to describe the team last Sunday and it was never more evident than in last night's fourth quarter. Our guys; hurt, bleeding and exhausted refused to quit, down 5 pts and Dayton with all the momentum. I have told some that during that time out I felt the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit hit us more clearly than at any other time in my coaching career. I know most of you were sending prayers out for us and we felt it. It was a great night for the Hawks. Truly a team (which includes all of you) win for the school, the Church, for our extended community and most of all for our Lord.

It was so good that many of our past team members, who have set the culture of our program with their tremendous character and work ethic, were there and they could symbolically be a part by helping us "cut down the net".

I want to give special recognition and thanks to our coaches- Ryan, Jason, Devin and Chris- for all of their dedication and hard work which has made this championship possible. George and Donna Crace whose tireless support over 4 years has enabled our program to progress, Jay Anderson who has come in to lead our School District and Pastor Stan listened to God many years ago and launched Horizon. Without each of your tireless efforts we could not have done it.

Thank you parents, who support us with your ceaseless great attitudes and prayers. Obviously without you and your fine sons none of this would be possible!

Janet (I couldn't do it without her, we are truly a coaching team) and I are truly blessed to be allowed to join you and e a small part of God's vision for Hawk basketball and Horizon athletics.

God bless each of you, God is good!

Coach B.