

# Klein Oak Basketball

Dear KO Basketball Parents,

The spring is here and off season is in full swing. I hope you all had a fun and relaxing Spring Break. Sam and I went to Austin and watched the UIL State Basketball Tournament and I saw that we are on the right path to getting there. I say that because Desoto won the 5A division and Klein Collins beat them. If you can remember we “had” Collins beat at our place, so that tells me we have a chance if we keep working!

Here at Klein Oak we are working hard to make our basketball program stronger, more competitive, and most of all more successful. We are also incorporating into the program “Team Unity”, by teaching our guys the importance of teamwork. The basketball coaching staff here at Klein Oak is striving for perfection among our student athletes and we are constantly evaluating their improvement and commitment to getting better.

Reflecting back on the season, if you look at how much our kids improved over the course of the season and not just on their win/loss records, I think you will see the dramatic first step we have taken. The Klein Oak basketball program has become competitive once again and is in the hunt for a playoff berth in the near future.

I deeply appreciate the dedication, patience, and enthusiasm you guys showed throughout the season. The kids are really excited about playing basketball again at Klein Oak and the future looks very bright with a great nucleus of talented kids coming back next year.

The off season is under way and for the most part the kids are working hard. I want you guys to know that we are lifting, running, jumping, and playing basketball every day. We do a lot of fundamental work during their athletic period and they do their strength and conditioning work after school. It is critical that they understand that success comes from hard work. We are still getting our summer teams together and will have them finalized here very soon. The guys will have the opportunity to play in the Spring High School summer league and also on some AAU teams that we are forming. I cannot stress how important it is for your son to play as much basketball as he can during the off season to improve his skill level.

Thanks again to all of our booster club members and all the hard work they put in to support our kids and our basketball program. I would also like to thank our administrators for their support of Klein Oak Basketball program. We all look forward to a great 2009-2010 season.

Thanks,  
Coach Joey Martin



# A KLEIN OAK BASKETBALL PLAYER

*A Klein Oak High School basketball player can come in any size, shape or color. There is no common denominator except a love for the game and a desire to get the most out of his abilities. He is not only proud of his strengths, but understands his weaknesses. He is first of all concerned with the good of his team and knows that individual recognition will come through team excellence.*

*A Klein Oak High School basketball player has the enthusiasm of an evangelist; the discipline of a monk; the heart of a warrior; and never loses the honesty and character of a small boy.*

*He appreciates the support of hundreds of fans, but he is much more aware of the example he is setting for some small boy watching from the sideline. He is happy when he scores a basket, but never forgets that a teammate threw him the ball. While he never lets up at either end of the floor, the other team is not his real opponent; it is the full extent of his own potential that he is always playing against. He lets the referees, with occasional assistance from his coach, do the officiating.*

*A Klein Oak High School basketball player is made not born. He is constantly striving to reach his potential knowing that he will bypass other players who cannot withstand the strain of this quest for excellence. He realizes that the challenges and competition of today's game will better prepare him for tomorrow's world. He knows that the true measure of his performance is not recorded in wins and losses, but in how much of himself he has given to the game.*

*A Klein Oak High School basketball player never realizes when the odds are stacked against him. He can only be defeated by a clock that happens to run out of time. He is what a small boy wants to become and what an old man can remember with great pride that he once was.*

