

Thank You Klein Oak Basketball.

For 3 years, our program motto has been “Class, Character, and Excellence”. We pushed hard for the boys to display the class and integrity necessary for success in their future endeavors, basketball included. We strived to win with class, and lose with dignity- and always exhibit the work ethic that is so needed to be successful. We were also trying to lead by example- on the court, in the classroom, and out in the community. I like to think that we were succeeding in our endeavors. Here are several of **YOUR** accomplishments:

- **Basketball Success:** *You created a program that has highest 2 year win total in over 18 years at school*
- *2005-2006: Most season wins in over 10+ years for Klein Oak.*
- *2004-2005: Most district wins in over 15 years.*

- **Academic/Classroom Success:** Only 2 out of 37 Varsity players have failed a 6 weeks grading period in 3 years. Way to go guys!

- **Community Success:**
 - **Habitat for Humanity work:** KO basketball program builds houses for less fortunate and financially deficient community members
 - **Katrina relief** – door to door food collecting for local Lutheran church
 - **National Honor Society** –Numerous players involved in and working towards community hours with them
 - **Charity fundraising** - Donated/raised over \$2000 for charity’s in 3 years
- **Successful Fundraising and parent involvement:**
 - Raised over \$35,000 for activity/booster funds account
 - Helped fund 50% of new \$20,000 scoreboards put in place this year-replacing original scoreboards of 21 years. (Thanks Absolute Sports Connection!)
 - Over \$8000 raised in 2 year golf tourney

You parents played a huge role in accomplishing these feats! I can not thank you enough. I am most proud of the character of your boys and their drive for success.

I also wanted to thank my coaching staff and those who worked so tremendously along side us. Working with the booster club was fantastic. Thank You Brian Mielke- good luck with the new scoreboard. And Gary, what can I say- you were there for me as a player 20 years ago and you were there for me more than ever over the past 3 years. You are what Class, Character, and Excellence is all about!

I have a wonderful opportunity in front of me at Cy Ridge. My new classroom schedule and coaching responsibilities as the Head cross country coach and assistant head basketball coach will give me plenty of opportunities for advancement and success. I will be working with good people like I did at Klein Oak. I will be working with a coaching family that has every athlete’s best interest in mind. I am excited for this opportunity- every sport supports every other. I will hopefully be able to build relationships with

those young men like I was able to build with yours. Your sons will always be part of my extended family.

I have loved my time with your boys over the past three years and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with them in making them better basketball players and most importantly giving them opportunities to grow into successful young men. All of my decisions, popular or not, were all weighed seriously and followed with the boys best interest in heart. I also know that your new head coach has your son's best interest at heart- and will do great things with your boys. Your new principal, Kelly Shumacher- the wife of a Head basketball coach, will be a great asset to the program.

Thanks once again for letting me work with your boys and all of you. I wish you the very best. I hope that you know if I can ever do anything for you, please call me anytime.

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