



Justus-Tiawah School

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Parents of J-T Athletic Participants:

There are a great number of rumors flying around regarding Coach Fraley. Unfortunately, many of the rumors that I have heard are not factual. What is factual is that Coach Fraley has resigned and he will not have any further contact with the athletes during school time. This has been a difficult couple of weeks for everyone and I want to thank you for your patience during this time.

As we move forward, Rod Mason has agreed to become the head 7th & 8th grade coach. Coach Starkey will return to the 5th & 6th grade coaching position full-time. Ms. Hardin will assist both when needed, as we rally together in an effort to finish the basketball season on a strong note.

As we move into the future, it will be my recommendation to vertically align the grade levels between the campuses to alleviate the transportation back and forth. Additionally, I would like to split the 5th & 6th grade practice time apart from the 7th and 8th grade to increase the development of each student athlete and the practice of getting cut from a team will be in the past as we try to develop all student athletes. Discipline, not a skill, will be the basis of continued participation.

Finally, I would like to see J-T will start to introduce fundamentals and skills starting at the 3rd grade. While these strategies will show results over time, immediately they may have a minimal effect. Therefore, we pledge not to underestimate the importance of our current students setting the foundation of our future and thereby pledge to make every effort to make the second half of this season a success.

Respectfully,

Dr. M. Shane Boothe
Superintendent