

Parents Night '98



“Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.”

Lady Tiger Basketball

BHS Lady Tiger Parents:


Cold weather, changing leaves, sweaty socks, stinky clothes, and crazy fans—it's hoop time and the Lady Tigers are on the go. We have set some lofty goals are preparing to meet them on a game by game basis.

Our schedule is set and is very competitive as usual. We are going through last minute game preparations this week as we get ready to tip it off Saturday. Although it is a practice game we want to be as ready as possible. We hope to go over there and play hard to see where we need to improve before the season opener on November the 18th. We feel we have put together a varsity schedule that will have us ready for the AAAA-West. In addition, our extensive JV schedule will provide an excellent training ground for players to receive valuable experience and minutes in the 16 games we have planned.

Our first and main priority of our program is to set high standards on the court and in the classroom. We will strive for academic excellence which many times translates into athletic excellence. We are proud to have on our roster 7 members of the National Honor Society. At mid-term most of our marks were well above average.

We will strive to achieve TEAM PRIDE and CHARACTER. We will be involved with many organizations to enlighten our players to value of giving back in the form of community service. We stress those things that are important for them to be successful in life. We know in order for us to reach our goals, you and your daughter must make great sacrifices. It is important for our progress that each individual make a commitment to the Lady Tiger basketball program. We want your daughter to leave Bentonville High School with more than athletic skills.

Thank you for allowing your daughter to be a Lady Tiger. We take great pride in our program and on the foundation that we have built it on. You the parents are just as much a part of that as we are.

Sincerely,

Mike Neighbors
Lady Tiger Head Coach

Lady first..... Tigers next!

Participation

- A. ***Sophomore Team:*** This squad will be made up entirely of 10th graders. Games will usually be on Saturday mornings. We will schedule games for this squad in the years in which we have enough participation from members of the 10th grade class. Emphasis will be placed on developing sound fundamental, team work, cooperation, and a competitive spirit while insuring that all players get the opportunity to play. The purpose of this team is to expose our athletes to as many game type situations for the future of Lady Tiger Basketball.

- B. ***Junior Varsity:*** This squad may consist of any sophomore, junior, or senior athlete. The players will be those players who are not competing in the varsity games on a regular basis. We will try to play as many people as possible, but will not always play everyone who dresses out. We feel that winning is a learned response and this is an excellent opportunity for that. Athletes on the JV will be playing for experience for the future and also for immediate advancement into the varsity games. Skills and strategies will be emphasized heavily at this level.

- C. ***Varsity:*** This squad will be made up of those individuals which demonstrate the best athletic skill and team play through past play and/or current practice habits. The team can be made up of sophomore, juniors, or seniors and the roster may change from game to game. Playing time will be determined by the teams needs in order to obtain a successful level of play. Skills, experience, strategies, and role execution will be emphasized on this team.

Arkansas Activities Association rules limit a individual to 5 quarters of play a night. They also state that each individual may only participate in two games within a single week. A week is defined as Friday to Friday. These rules sometimes limit us in how many players may be eligible to play in sophomore, JV, and varsity games.

It is our goal to prepare as many players as possible for game type situations. We feel our active pursuit of JV and Varsity competition does just that.

Cuts

It may be necessary to make cuts at all levels of play. Numbers do not necessarily produce quality in basketball. The following items will be considered when selecting squads: skill level, attitude, work ethics, off-season programs, and position. This is possibly the most difficult task for a coaching staff but is imperative for manageable numbers and a continued successful program.

Playing time is always a point of concerns for parents and players alike. I will be glad to discuss this issue only at pre-arranged meetings with the parent and the player both present. Please don't choose halftime or immediately following a game to discuss this.

Bad Weather Policies

With basketball season falling during the winter months in Northwest Arkansas, we will invariably experience some snow or ice. Unfortunately we cannot always, take the day off. If at all possible we will try to maintain a routine practice schedule. The following rules are used on most occasions.

If school is cancelled, plan on having practice at 11:00 at the gym. If you think it might snow, make plans to stay within walking distance if you have to. We will most often have this practice. Only in the event of a severe situation will we cancel. If in doubt call me or Coach McAllister at home. If I receive "advanced" notice of school cancellation, I will activate the phone tree.

If school is cancelled on a game day, it does NOT necessarily mean that the game will be called-off. Many times we will cancel the JV games and play the varsity games starting at 5:00 or 5:30.

Holiday Practice Schedule

Basketball season also falls in line with the "family" holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is also the time when most of the good tournaments are played. Therefore, many times we will be playing or practicing on days when school is out on vacation. We will also have to schedule our practices so that we are best prepared for our games regardless of calendar dates. These are the times we depend on our "hoops" family, the Lady Tigers.

I too enjoy the time with my family around these holidays, so I will try to give you the dates as far in advance as possible.

Thanksgiving means Benton County Tournament. This year it will be played in Siloam Springs the week after Thanksgiving. We go to school on Monday and Tuesday of that week. We play Siloam Springs on Tuesday the 24th. We will have an A.M. practice Wednesday morning. We will then be off until Monday when school resumes.

Christmas schedules looks to be as follows: we will practice on the 19th, then take off for the 20th through the 25th. Our first practice will be Dec. 26th at 8 PM. We will be preparing for the Ozarks Invitational in Harrison. This tournament concludes on the unofficial holiday of New Year's Eve. Remember we said there would be some sacrifices. Following the Ozarks Tournament we will take off until school resumes on January 5th, 1998.

I hope this is enough notice so that you can plan your holidays. I too put my family in front of basketball on my priority list. That's why I try to plan in advance so that I can give my all to that family and my basketball family as well.

Again if there are issues, please make me aware of them as soon as possible.

Game Day Procedures

Get the proper amount of rest the night before the game.

Eat a good meals prior to game day. Don't skip meals during the season.

We will dress up on short road trips and all home games. Slacks or a dress is appropriate. Check with upperclassmen if you have questions.

Check with your teachers for any work that will be missed. You are responsible for your class work. You must also take them your school-business pass so that they will mark your absence accordingly.

On bus trips we are quiet until we hit the bypass leaving Bentonville. Along the way, you are allowed to visit quietly. Respect others. Bring headphones if you wish to listen to music. Once we arrive in the town of our opponents we again get quiet and turn our minds to the game at hand.

Double check and make sure you have all gear for the game.

On road trips, be on the bus at the departure time. The bus will leave when all coaches are on the bus and ready to leave.

Pre-game preparation is different for each individual. Be respectful of that. The locker room should be relatively quiet before a game. If you need it absolutely silent there are places you can locate for that purpose. We normally begin to talk with about 4:00 or 5:00 minutes before game time. You need to be dressed and ready by this time.

Upon return home from road games, please have a ride waiting or previous arrangements for your way home. This will assure everyone in the program the maximum amount of rest possible.

In order to be successful at anything you do you must make sacrifices. This holds very true in athletics. If you want to be a successful Lady Tiger Basketball player, you must dedicate a lot of hard work, time, and effort to yourself, your team mates, and the program. This means keeping up in the classroom and making grades to your potential, giving up some social time, attending all practices when friends might be doing other things, spending hours and hours in the gym, giving up holidays, and following guidelines that will make you a better player.

Practice: Get dressed and on the floor as quickly as possible. Begin your Pre-practice work out and be ready to go when buzzer sounds. If you are tardy, you will run 5 bleachers for every minute that you are late. If the problem becomes a habit, more discipline will take place.

Notify a coach in person if you are going to miss or be late for a practice. If you are not at school, call the office at 271-3822 and leave me a message. This is very important that we know as soon as possible if you are not going to be at practice.

Practice time is preparation time. You should have a pretty good idea of the days and times that we have planned practices. Try to schedule all appointments around those days. Use Seminar time for these matters. If it is not possible to reschedule, please notify me as soon as you know. Likewise when you are missing for a school-related event, alert us as soon as you know of the event. Don't tell us the day before.

No jewelry is allowed at practice. This is for your safety and the safety of your teammates.

Do not wear practice gear or shoes out of the gym. Put your clothes back on before you go home. In cold weather, make sure your head is covered--we cannot afford silly illness.

It is your responsibility to keep your equipment picked up. Your locker should be free from clutter and locked everytime you are away from it. We are proud of our locker area. Keep it clean.

Give your full attention to the coaches at all times. What the coaches are saying will at some time pertain to you.

Always give 100% of your ability. Otherwise you are letting yourself and the team down. No walking in practice, hustle to and between drills. Do not sit down during practice unless told to do so directly by a coach. If you feel sick or need a drink feel free to get at any time without notifying coach. We will understand these situations.

Useful Tidbits

Practice are open. I encourage you to attend any time you wish to attend. Daily practice schedules will be available for your convenience.

If you wish to discuss anything relating to your daughter or Lady Tiger Basketball, I would be happy to do so. Please come to me with problems as they arise rather than let them fester up and become a big issue. I will like to have both you and your daughter in the meeting if it is related to playing time or position on the team. It seems to work better this way. Please schedule these meetings for a time other than right before or right after a game. If I can not properly answer your concerns, the next step is Athletic Director Gary Orr. He can be reached at 271-1121. The next step would be Principal Donaice Lossing at 271-1116. Then the Superintendent Dr. Holloway at 271-1000. Please follow this chain to assure proper channels of communication.

My phone number at the gym is 271-3822 and I have an answering machine. My home number is 273-1258. My home address is 3202 Peach Blossom. Coach McAllister can be reached at home 464-0228.

All athletic policies will be enforced.

As the coach, I am responsible for the conduct of our fans. Let's be "fans" and not "fanatics". Let's stay positive in all aspects of our program.

Help remind your daughter to call us anytime they will be absent from practice.

Allow us to coach your daughters during the games. Then you can have them at home. I know this is tough. I pity the first person who finds my little Abby on their roster. We all want what is best for each one of our players. Please refrain from direct contact with players at halftime or time-outs. We encourage any and all positive support.













Please remember my wife and little girls are in the stands. I can handle being questioned, second guessed, and called names, but it is tough on them. Whisper, sit away from them, or just think your thoughts. I would be happy to discuss game philosophy with anyone prior to games. We are all good at looking back.

I love coaching your daughters. It is truly become a passion that I didn't know I was capable of. I will make errors in coaching on many occasions, but please realize I would never do anything to intentionally embarrass or hurt any of our players. I hope we are all working toward the same goals.



BLACK & GOLD

Thursday, November 13th, 1997



4:00	Feed WJHS Athletes
4:30	Feed BHS Athletes
5:00	Open Food to the Public
5:30	7th Grade Girls Introduction/Scrimmage
5:50	8th Grade Girls Introduction/Scrimmage WJHS Cheerleaders at halftime
6:10	WJHS Girls Introduction/Scrimmage
6:30	8th Grade Boys Introduction/Scrimmage WJHS Drill Team at halftime
6:50	WJHS Boys Introduction/Scrimmage
7:10	Swimming and Gymnastics Introduction
7:20	BHS Lady Tiger Introduction/Scrimmage BHS Cheerleaders at halftime
8:00	BHS Tigers Introduction/Scrimmage BHS Golden Tamers at halftime

Dinner is FREE to Booster Club Members.
\$20.00 family memberships will be available

Cost of Dinner for Non-Boosters is
\$3.00 for adults
\$2.00 for students

Admission to scrimmages is FREE!

Tiger Pride

BENTONVILLE BASKETBALL

<i>DATE</i>	<i>OPPONENT</i>	<i>PLACE</i>	<i>GAMES</i>	<i>TIME</i>
November 8	Mt. View Jamboree	Away	VG, VB	TBA
November 18	Prairie Grove	Home	JVG, VG, VB	5:00
November 21	Gravette	Home	VG, VB	6:30
November 24	Siloam Springs	Away	JV, VG, VB	4:00
December 1-5	Benton County Tournament	Siloam Springs	VG, VB	TBA
December 11-13	Farm Bureau Classic	Home	VG, VB	TBA
December 18	Shiloh Christain	Away	JVB, VG, VB	5:00
December 29-31	Ozarks Invitational	Harrison	VG, VB	TBA
January 9	Ft. Smith Northside	Away	JV, VG, VB	3:30
January 16	Ft. Smith Southside	Home	JV, VG, VB	3:30
January 20	Springdale	Away	JV, VG, VB	3:30
January 23	Russellville	Home	JV, VG, VB	3:30
January 24	Fayetteville	Home	JV, VG, VB	3:30
January 27	Rogers	Away	JV, VG, VB	3:30
January 30	Van Buren	Away	JV, VG, VB	3:30
February 3	Fayetteville	Away	JV, VG, VB	3:30
February 6	Ft. Smith Northside	Home	JV, VG, VB	3:30
February 10	Springdale	Home	JV, VG, VB	3:30
February 13	Southside	Away	JV, VG, VB	3:30
February 17	Russellville	Away	JV, VG, VB	3:30
February 20	Van Buren	Home	JV, VG, VB	3:30
February 24	Rogers	Home	JV, VG, VB	3:30
March 2-6	AAAA State Tournament	TBA		TBA
March 13-14	AAAA State Finals	Pine Bluff		TBA



"Clash In the Hills"

We are excited to be opening our season at the 1st annual "Clash in the Hills" to be hosted in Mt. View, Arkansas. The day long jamboree will feature great teams and great players. Mt. View guard Jason Gilbert has already committed to become one of Nolan Richardson's University of Arkansas Razorbacks. We hope to use this opportunity to get away from the area to face some teams we wouldn't otherwise. It will be great for us to prepare to play after a long road trip that often comes along with play in the AAAA-West and in the State Tournament.

We will be leaving at 9:00 to assure plenty of time for a safe drive over some rough terrain. It will also give us some time to get our feet under us before we play. Lunch will be provided by the spirit moms and we will have a light snack in between the games. We will stop on the way home for those of you riding home on the bus. Dinner will be on your own as the other meals will be provided.

We are treating this as much like a real game as possible. We will wear game uniforms. Bring both white and black just to be safe. We will play the game to win while providing playing time to as many players as possible just as if it were the State Finals. Everyone is welcome to make the trip, but we will dress only the 12 players we have chosen to travel for the first semester.

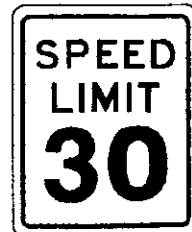
Although this game is considered to be a benefit game and not count on the overall records of the teams playing, we want to make the most of every opportunity we have to get better. It will pay off in March. **GO LADY TIGERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

"Clash Schedule"

11:00	Beebe	vs.	Pocahontas	Girls
11:50	Green Forrest	vs.	Pocahontas	Boys
12:40	Green Forrest	vs.	Pocahontas	Girls
1:30	Pocahontas	vs.	Springdale	Boys
2:20	Beebe	vs.	Bentonville	Girls
3:10	Green Forrest	vs.	Bentonville	Boys
4:00	Green Forrest	vs.	Mountain View	Girls
4:50	Mountain View	vs.	Springdale	Boys
5:40	Mountain View	vs.	Bentonville	Girls
6:30	Mountain View	vs.	Bentonville	Boys



From the gym we will get onto to the 71 South Bypass headed toward Springdale. We will take the Lowell exit. At the light we will turn south and head toward Springdale. We will take a left at the Pizza Hut and that will take us to Highway 412. We will stay on 412 to Alpena where it Junctions with Highway 65. We will take 65 into Harrison. This is about the last place to stop on the trip. Make any stops you might need here. We stay on 65 until we hit the town of Leslie where we will take 66 East into Mountain View. At the 3-way stop in Mt. View we will take a left. They tell me that the Football field is visible from the road and should help us locate the gymnasium.. There is a Hardee's and a gas station at the 3-way stop if you need to stop for directions to the school or gymnasium.



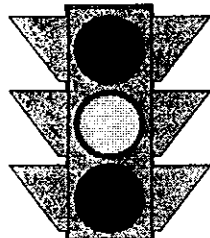
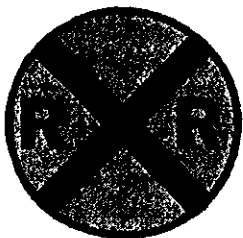


From the gym we will head south down Walton Blvd. We will take a right on 102 and head into Centerton. Through Centerton then take a left onto 279 to Vaughn. That will take us to 12 and through Highfill and Springtown. At Gentry, we will go left onto Highway 59 to Siloam. 59 will come to a stop and we go right. This will take us onto the main drag into Siloam Springs. We will pass the Wal-Mart and start looking for a sign to point to John Brown University. That turn is a right and is at a stoplight. I don't know the street but just look for the JBU sign. About 1/2 mile on the right you will see the school and the new Panther Arena. We will be going here for a regular game and hopefully several times for the Benton County Tournament



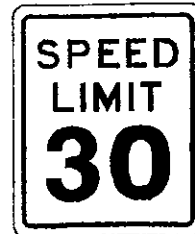
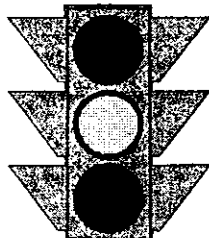


Depending on what time we leave, we will go north to the bypass or hit it off Walton Blvd. around Rainbow Curve. Stay on 71 Bypass until we get to the Springdale exit by the Holiday Inn and the Outlet Malls. Off that exit, take a right at the light and head east. Stay in the right lane if possible. Turn right on Johnson Road, it is at a stoplight. The First Baptist Church is about 1/4 of a mile down the road on the left. Turn in the main entrance and go past the football field. That will take you right to the Special Events Center.





This is a trip we all dread because of the curves. There are several ways to get to Harrison. The quickest probably depends on where you live. You can either go through Eureka Springs or through Huntsville. The Huntsville trip is described in the Mt. View directions. If you are going through Eureka head out on 72 to Pea Ridge. Go straight at the stop sign in Pea Ridge. This will take you to another stop sign. Take a right here. You will only go a short way until you hit yet another stop sign. Go left. This is Highway 62. Stay on it through Gateway, Eureka, Berryville, Green Forrest right into Harrison. Once in Harrison, start looking at streets about the second stoplight. I think it is the 3rd one. But I am for sure the road is called Industrial Park Road and it will be a right. Goblin Drive will then be on the left just a little way down the road. The gym sits at the top of the hill.

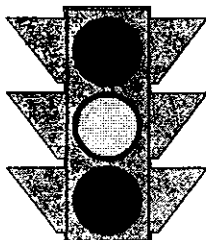




71 Bypass through Fayetteville. Watch Greenland, population 326, speed trap revenue \$4,000,000 a year.

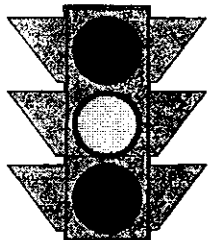
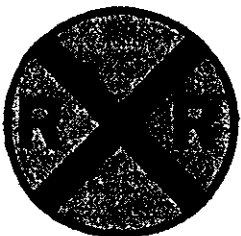
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At Alma, take 1-40 West. Look for the Interstate 540 exit to Ft. Smith. This will take you over the Arkansas River into Ft. Smith. Take exit #8A (Rogers Avenue). At the exit it will go right. Stay on Rogers for about six stoplights. The 7th light you should see Northside Schools on the right. The gym sit at the end of the street with the parking in the back.





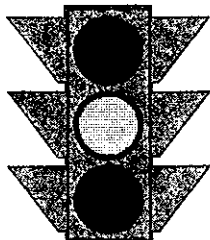
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Listen for the yells of Go Lady Tigers and follow them.

If you need directions to Rogers call me and I will give them to you over the phone!?!?





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Take the Farmington/University of Arkansas exit. Right to the light, then a left at the left to head east.

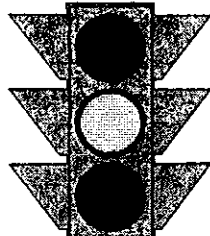
Take a left on Razorback Road toward the University Campus.

Take the right just to the south of Bud Walton Areana.

This will take you to a stop sign. Turn right and go up the big hill.

The gym sits right at the top of this hill.

Parking is across the street or just to the west of the building.





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