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Basketball Parent's Meeting

Ben Davis Basketball is a team effort and family affair made up of players, coaches, and parents. Each member of the family has their roles and expectations to fulfill if the Ben Davis Basketball family is to be successful.

Coaches

It is the coaching staff's role to do everything necessary to make it possible for each player to reach his full potential as a player, while helping him develop skills necessary to be successful in life. Also, we will do whatever necessary to help an athlete get into the college of his choice to pursue the profession of his choice.

Players

Each player must fulfill the following expectations:

1. Be the best person he can be
2. Be the best student he can be
3. Be the best basketball player he can be

Parents

Parents are expected to be positive, supportive, and a constant means of encouragement for our athletes.

The following are suggestions that should be helpful to parents as they fulfill their expectations while supporting their sons as they fulfill theirs.

1. **Be positive** with your son. Whether your son plays 3 minutes, 32 minutes or not at all, he is special and an important part of the team. Don't ever put him down.
2. **Be proud** of your son. Out of 2500 students, he has been chosen to be a part of the team. He has tried his best-be proud. Doing your best is more important than being the best.
3. **Don't make negative comments** or complain about the coaching staff to your son, this puts negative thoughts in your son's mind about his coaches and makes it impossible for him to play his best. Negative comments do nothing but help the opponent beat Ben Davis. Plus, you are teaching your son to be a complainer instead of a doer. If you have complaints, don't talk to your son, talk to the coach.
4. **Encourage your son to fulfill team expectations** pertaining to curfew, training rules, promptness, etc. Make sure your son is eating right. If an athlete is not careful, he can tear down everything he has accomplished on the floor, by having bad habits off the floor. As parents, you can help us prevent this.
5. **Encourage your son to get good grades.** Make sure he studies and gets his homework done. If your son is not bringing home books to study, as a parent, you should be asking questions. No matter how good a player he is, if he doesn't have good grades, he doesn't get in college.

6. **Don't try to relive your life through your son.** Allow him to be the best player he can be, not be pressured to live up to his father's reputation. Don't show animosity or jealousy to any of your son's teammates because they shoot more, score more points, get more playing time, or get more write-ups in the paper. This type of jealousy could rub off on your son and destroy the team. Remember—"A great deal can be accomplished when no one cares who get the credit".
7. **Don't be a know-it-all.** The coaches work at basketball 11 1/2 months out of the year. Coaches see players in practice every day and work hard to determine the strengths and improve the weaknesses of each player. Don't make negative comments about any of our players. Once again this does nothing but help the other team defeat Ben Davis. Our players deserve your support because of the countless hours they have put in just to be part of the Ben Davis Basketball family. The coaching staff is paid to determine the offensive and defensive plan of attack, and who plays and who sits. These decisions are made in the best interest of the team, but not necessarily always to the benefit of your son. Sometimes parents don't always understand this. As parents, if you have questions. Don't ask your son, ask the coach.