

CVHAA COMMUNIQUE



President's Pitch by Bob Shaffer

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In March I attended the East Coast Homeschool Basketball Championship put on by HSPN. While there, I purposed to speak with other coaches, athletic directors and Board members of the athletic organizations that were represented. I not only learned a great deal, but I learned what a “great deal” we have in the CVHAA organization. We are truly blessed with fantastic sport team directors, coaches and families that make up CVHAA.

The most prevalent theme that I heard was that the various sports come and go depending on the passion and willingness of the parents to get involved. We have those dedicated parents! What we as an organization probably don't do well is “train” those parents with younger student athletes so that they can become the next generation of CVHAA.

Each sport that we offer requires planning and preseason preparation; the time involved depends on the sport and which season it is played. Fall sports need to be planned out before the close of the previous school year. Winter sports need to be coordinated at the beginning of the school year and spring sports begin their planning before the typical Christmas school break. All of our athletic teams need directors and/or team administrators to do this advance planning – from getting facilities, fields, game officials, and equipment to organizing the preseason meeting and getting the uniforms ordered or out of storage.

I want to take this time to thank those of you who have so generously given of your time to make this athletic organization the gem that it is. I also want to encourage those who have been contemplating stepping into one of the volunteer positions to dive on in. Many hands make for lighter work. YOU are the present and future of CVHAA athletics.

GO PATRIOTS and GO DISCIPLES!

Sports Report

Our Teams.....



Lady Patriots Softball



Softball has been off to a great start this year with a record to date of 4 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss. The Lady Patriots were able to upset top ranked Tidewater Academy with a win of 5 to 2.

This year, however, is one of sadness as we say goodbye to two of our varsity players. **Rebekah Myers**, will be attending Pensacola Christian College in Pensacola, Florida in the fall. Rebekah has been with the team from the start and will be greatly missed. **Abby Grimes**, who just joined Lady Patriots this year, will be heading off to Liberty University in the future. Abby has been a welcome asset to Lady Patriots this year and will be missed as well.

With the departure of our graduating seniors, Lady Patriots Softball will be looking to fill our roster for the upcoming 2011-12 season. If you **love** the sport and **love** to play then we'd **love** to hear from you. Please contact Donna McNamara 804-598-7286 or misnuenva@aol.com for more information.

The game schedule is posted on the CVHAA website, so come on out and cheer on our Lady Patriots!

Patriots Baseball



Our Patriots Varsity Baseball team is heading down to Auburndale, Florida for the Homeschool World Series (www.hwsa.net), during May 2nd through May 7th. We expect a strong showing from our team this year. Twenty-eight teams will be competing in the tournament this year and come from Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin and of course Virginia.

Our Baseball program fielded 3 teams this season – Varsity, Junior Varsity and Middle School. Check the website and come out for one of the few remaining May games.



For more information on our Patriots Baseball teams, please feel free to contact us at baseball@cvhaa.net.



More Team News...

PATRIOTS BASKETBALL

The 2010/2011 Varsity season closed out at the East Coast Homeschool Basketball Championships held at Liberty University. Two JV Boys players, **Taylor Evelyn** and **Michael Thompson**, were named to the All-Tournament 2nd Team and **Daniel Johnson** was named to the Varsity Boys All-Tournament Team. The teams competed well. Here's a snapshot of our varsity teams in action.



The East Coast Tournament provides an opportunity for our student athletes to be looked at by college scouts. This year, both our girls varsity coach and boys varsity coach were approached by visiting college scouts from Maranatha College, Tennessee Temple University, Lynchburg College, Gordan College and Covenant College. **Bria Moore**, a graduating senior, was offered scholarships to play basketball at TTU, Covenant and Gordan.

Our basketball season ended with the Varsity teams competing and placing well within the VCAA League; all 3 teams placed 1st and brought home the League Championship title!

Our Middle School teams finished out their seasons with the girls competing in the Millwood League Tournament, and the boys competing in the RCS League Tourney. The boys followed suite by taking 1st place in their end of season tourney. **Micah Williamson**, **Dustin Johnson** and **Caleb Cameron** were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Other team awards handed out were: **MVP Awards** to **Benjamin Horner** and **Daniel Johnson** (VB team), **Victoria Smith** (VG team) and **Taylor Evelyn** (JVB team); **Most Improved** to **Daniel Pittman** (VB), **Brittani Harrell** and **Brook MacAdam** (VG) and **Andrew Stephens** (JVB); **Sportsmanship** to **Brendan Hayes** (JVB); **Leadership** to **Terrell Mizell** and **Alex Russell** (VB), **Monica Russell** (VG) and **Hunter Aliceburg** (JVB); **the Bounce-Back Award** to **Scott Custalow** (JVB); **Hustle Award** to **Jamie VanDerHyde** (VB); and **Above-the-Rim** to **Timothy Pittman** and **Gage Yesbeck** (VB).

More Sports Reports.....



Lady Patriots Spring Soccer

The girls' soccer will be back on the pitch in 2012! In order for this to happen, we need a couple of positions filled.

Each of our athletic teams has a team administrator. This position is vital to a smooth running season. As soccer administrator, you would be asked to make field arrangements and handle the game schedule. Guidelines for managing the team are available!

We also need a coach(es) who not only have a passion for the games of soccer, but a passion to work with this fantastic group of girls.

Contact girlsoccer@cvhaa.net if you are interested in serving with the Lady Patriots Soccer Team.



Patriots Boys Soccer

This past season the boys' soccer team placed 3rd in the VCAA League Tournament. Many of

the team members plan to be back this fall... but there's still room for a couple more soccer players!

Team practices should start in late August... so stay tuned to the CVHAA website for date, times and practice field location.



Disciples Football



6th Annual Spring Camp
April 25th thru April 29th
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Point of Rocks Park

@ 201 Enon Church Road; Chester, VA 23831

This camp, which is winding down, is for boys ages 6 through 18, at any experience level. A minimal cost of \$40 per camp participant was charged. Camp has averaged about 30 participants per night.

Contact: Coach Dave Hollis
(804)514-7396 or hollishome@aol.com

For more information on our Disciples Football Team.

Alumni News Where Are They Now ? ? ? ? ?

Taylor Danaher

(2011)

Basketball

Taylor is a soon to be graduate. He played basketball with the Patriots during the 2009/2010 season, and drove many miles up and down I-95 commuting to practices and games from his home in the Fredericksburg area. Taylor has signed his letter of intent and will be attending and playing basketball this fall for Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Kelsey Dixon

(2009)

Basketball

Girls Soccer

Kelsey is attending John Tyler Community College pursuing a degree in Nursing. She also works at Starbucks as a barista. One of her favorite times this past year was reconnecting with CVHAA friends at HSPN in Lynchburg. Being a part of the basketball and soccer teams was a huge part of her high school. She is so grateful for those times and the friendships that she made. There are many people from those teams that are still good friends today.

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STUDENT ATHLETE RECRUITING

Are you an athlete interested in an athletic scholarship for college? Check out this helpful website: www.bobfoleybasketball.net.

Bob Foley, who has coached boys and girls basketball at every level over the past 40 years shares the realities of the recruiting process from a coach's and parent's perspective. Several times a year he gives free seminars. If you were unable to make the one April 12th, you can access an online presentation here: <http://henrico.k12.va.us/hcpstv/FYI-Folley.html>

Some of what he covers:

1. Academics: Core Courses, GPA and SAT-ACT scores needed
 2. Recruiting: Evaluation Periods and Campus Visits, Phone Calls, Texts, Emails to Coaches.
 3. Parent/Coach relationship: Honesty in Evaluation of Athlete
 4. Marketing Yourself: Fact Sheets for Coaches, Networking, Videos
 5. College Coach Perspective: What Really Counts - Recruiters Even Evaluate the Parents. (yes - they do take note of parents who yell at refs and coach!)
 6. College Selection: Campus, Academics and Athletic Program
- Being recruited takes hard work even if you are on the "radar" of college coaches. The earlier you start in the process the better. Watching the videos or attending a seminar of Bob Foleys can be well worth the time.

Other important websites are:

http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html

<http://www.ncaa.org/>

Wrap Up



Girls Volleyball

The **PRE-SEASON meeting** is planned to be held in late June...date, time and location will be posted on the website as the time draws closer. The Lady Patriots will be fielding 3 teams – Middle School, Junior Varsity and Varsity. The upcoming season's schedule includes games with both private and public schools.



THE DRAFT

If there is one thing we all know about sports... **THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A DRAFT.** CVHAA participates in this aspect of the sport as well. Our draft however, is very specialized since it involves PARENTS! Yes, we want and need parents to “**play**” a part in this organization and utilize your gifts. We are a *volunteer lead athletic organization* and we need **YOU** to help “complete our team rosters.”



FROM the DESK of The College Place

Decisions, decisions, DECISIONS! Now is the time for decisions. For high school seniors, there is undoubtedly a lot of comparing of financial aid letters occurring. If you are still undecided if a school is a good fit, now is the time to visit the campus. Talk to the financial aid office. Speak to current enrolled

students. Visit the freshman dorms. Springtime offers a great opportunity to see what the campus is like and if you can envision yourself attending classes there. This will help hasten the decision to accept or reject an offer.

Decision time isn't just for the seniors. Juniors will need to make some choices of their own. The upcoming admissions season is closer than you think, and one step students always need to prepare for is taking their standardized tests. We encourage all juniors to be preparing to take their standardized tests (SATS or ACTS) for the first time by the end of their spring semester. If you are planning on taking the June test (the last one offered this academic year), you must register by **May 10th**. If you plan on taking the June ACT, then you need to register by **May 6th**. *Why take the test so early, you ask?* Simply put, this run-through of helps juniors prepare for what they need to study over the summer break. Once senior year starts students will have limited opportunities to achieve competitive scores for their top schools. Therefore, if you have done so already, register for the remaining spring dates.

The College Place – Richmond

804.827.1755 (phone)

The website link is as follows:

http://www.ecmcfoundation.org/overview/College_Place.html .