



## Summer E-letter

### **CYO Athletics Community,**

We hope you are enjoying your summer, and that it has been filled with blessings for you and your family. While you are hopefully spending time outside, soaking up the sunshine (when it's there), CYO Athletics staff are hard at work planning for the 2010-2011 season.

We are constantly trying to improve the quality of service in CYO Athletics, and your feedback in our surveys and task groups this last year have been very valuable in shaping some of the decisions going into this next year. One of the new processes we are undertaking in our office is Online Registration. Most of you who participate in other sports leagues have probably been registering online for years, so thank you for your patience as CYO Athletics tries to get up to speed.

We are working with Sports Pilot, a company committed to serving sport organizations nation wide, including the CYO's in Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. One of the reasons that Sports Pilot was selected over a number of different companies, is that it provides central administration functions that will save CYO Athletics staff countless hours of sifting through paperwork, but also Sports Pilot can provide parishes and schools customizable service for child athlete registrations. We realize that not every parish and school will choose to invest into Online Registration, but there are a few parishes and schools that have already expressed interest in signing up with Sports Pilot for themselves.

Improving CYO Athletics involves every one of you, and we thank you for your continued support and for reading this E-Letter. In the coming month, we

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hope to provide you more information around the upcoming changes for the 2010-2011 season, based on your feedback from the surveys and task groups. As we read in Proverbs, it is important to turn our ears to wisdom, and our hearts to understanding:

"My son, if you receive my words and treasure my commands, turning your ear to wisdom, inclining your heart to understanding; Yes, if you call to intelligence, and to understanding raise your voice; if you seek her like silver, and like hidden treasure search her out: Then will you understand the fear of the Lord."

Proverbs 2: 1-5

"The character of your children tomorrow depends on what you put in their hearts today. In CYO Athletics we need to always remember that through sports children not only learn how to play, but develop character. Sports are not only for the children, and we ask that adults grow in character through sports too, and it is important how parents, coaches, AD's, and officials conduct themselves in the eyes of the world, and how we portray messages through our words and actions. It is important to consider how we all play out our responsibilities to our children, our families, our work, and also to Christ."

Clint Richardson  
Associate AD

## **Summer Schedule - Important CYO Athletics Dates**

**August 13** - CYO Soccer Team Registration Deadline (contact your parish or school for individual child registration deadlines)

**August 9 - 14** - CYO Volleyball Summer Camp (Camp Don Bosco)

**August 14** - CYO Adult Softball Tournament

**August 21** - CYO Night at the Seattle Storm

## **CYO Night at the Seattle Storm**

The Seattle Storm would like to invite you to **CYO Night**. The Storm are hosting a **Faith and Family** game on **Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> vs. Los Angeles @ 8 p.m.** and they would

love for you to participate! The Storm recognize and appreciate your participation in the Catholic Youth Organization and would like to provide you with a unique opportunity to experience Seattle Storm basketball and much more!

The Storm encourage you to join them for this very special night at the Season Finale! The CYO package at **\$20/ticket** will include:

- A regularly priced \$28 or \$34 ticket.
- An exclusive post-game Q&A with Seattle Storm starter Tanisha Wright.
- The first 3,000 fans in the doors will receive a free "Beat L.A." t-shirt!!

You won't want to miss this incredible night as well as great Storm Basketball!

Click this link to RSVP now: [www.wnba.com/storm/cyonight.html](http://www.wnba.com/storm/cyonight.html)

**For groups of 10 or more to be seated together, or any other questions you have regarding this offer, please contact Storm Representative Lisa Nielsen at [lnielsen@stormbasketball.com](mailto:lnielsen@stormbasketball.com) or 206-272-2525.**

## **Coaching Simplified with Coach Jake Alba**

The following website is an interesting resource for coaches. [CoachingSimplified.com](http://CoachingSimplified.com) has videos and other resources for coaches, and Jake Alba provides it all free. Videos feature Major League Baseball players, such as Mike Sweeney and Jeff Suppan, Hall of Famer Frank Robinson, and Olympic Softball Gold Medalist Michele Granger.

Thank you for your commitment to CYO Athletics. If you have not received past E-Letters, they can be found on our Website by [clicking here](#). Please also continue to send us stories at [cyo@seattlearch.org](mailto:cyo@seattlearch.org), the moments of grace that make our program special, and remind everyone why we do the work we do.

Sincerely,

CYO Athletics  
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