



## HIGHLAND BASKETBALL

Parent Information Meeting  
2023-24 Season

### Schedules:

- Practice Schedule (on the website): [www.highlandhawksbasketball.com](http://www.highlandhawksbasketball.com)
  - Schedule can change – we will notify the players and update the website.
  - We expect players to be at every practice
  - Thanksgiving Break & Christmas Break
  - Varsity will be playing in tournaments on weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas.. They will not have many days off. We expect them to be at practice and the tournament games. I try to give them off as much as I can.
  - We make a conscious effort to end practice at the scheduled time.
- Game Schedule
  - Game times: Freshmen at 4:00, JV at 5:30, and Varsity at 7:00
  - Bus:
    - Players will take the bus to and back from games.
    - Shuttle some games: Frosh & JV go together; Bus comes back to get varsity later
    - Activity Bus for varsity on other games.
    - Freshman and JV will ride back on the bus after the varsity game. They will need to bring something to eat (or money for a snack bar) and homework.
      - Wednesday, January 3rd: game @ Sunnyslope - Frosh & JV will come back after JV game
    - Please try to pick up your son as close to our arrival time as possible at HHS
  - Unique dates:
    - Scrimmage is varsity only. Monday, November 13th at 5:30 pm vs Desert Mountain (Home)
    - Thanksgiving tournament is varsity only. Play at Moon Valley High School. Games on November 21, 22, & 24
    - McClintock tournament is varsity only. Played at McClintock HS on December 26-29
    - Both varsity games vs Gilbert will be girl-boy double-headers
      - Varsity: January 16th & January 25th
        - Girls Varsity at 5:30; Boys Varsity at 7:00
      - JV & Freshman: January 17th & January 24th
    - February 8th: vs Desert Vista is varsity only (Senior Night)
      - JV & Freshman on February 1st at 4:00 & 5:30

### **Important Dates:**

- Pictures: Saturday, November 11, 2023 (Season Kick-Off)
- Senior Night: Thursday, February 8, 2024

### **Uniforms**

- All players are responsible for their practice gear and game uniforms throughout the year. We will be collecting all gear at the end of the season. Players are financially responsible for anything that is not turned in

### **Grades**

- I don't expect perfect scores. I do expect perfect effort.
- Eligibility:
  - **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** The student must pass all classes (minimum of 5) at the end of each grading period and not carry any "Unsatisfactoriness", "Incompletes" and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Students must be enrolled in 5 classes. Exceptions are available for a senior on-line to graduate. Seniors must be enrolled in a minimum of 4 classes. Contact the athletic office for clarification.
  - Frosh & JV will leave early for a few games - need to communicate with 7th hour teachers on those games. Play the game a little bit - get work ahead of time.

### **In-Season AIA Rule**

- Players cannot play in any other game/tournament settings while in season. They cannot play in church leagues, club tournaments, camps, open gyms. One on one training is okay.

### **Social Media:**

- Players (and coaches and parents) need to be careful on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat when it comes to the team & games during the season. I expect our players and coaches to represent our program and school with class and need to be respectful of other players, opponents, schools.

### **Officials**

- Coaches & fans will be evaluated by the officials after each game. Those evaluations will be sent to athletic directors
- Official shortage
- Go into the game understanding that officials will not be NBA-caliber, especially in freshman & JV games.
- Need to be respectful to officials - it is a hard job

## **Communication:**

- E-mail is the best mode of communication for me: [\*\*toddfazio@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:toddfazio@gmail.com)
  - It is very important that the player initiate the conversation with his coach first. If the player isn't satisfied with the conversation then the parent may contact the coach and set up a time to talk.
    - Protocol for communication:
      - Player meet with the coach
      - Parent and player meet with the coach
      - Parent and player meet with the AD and coach
  - Please email me and I will get back to you and we will set up a meeting if necessary
  - Please don't text coaches after games
  - Please don't approach coaches after a practice or game – emotions can be running high on both ends
  - Please don't send anonymous emails/letters
- What we can talk about:
  - What your son can do to become a better basketball player
  - Things going on with your son/family that the coach may not be aware of
- What we cannot discuss:
  - Playing time
  - Play calling
  - Game strategy
  - Other players

## **What Players Want**

### **Service Project & Fundraising**

- Adopt-a-Family at Christmas time
  - Lena Stum
- Shoot-a-thon: Friday, November 17th
  - Parent volunteers
  - INFORMATION

### **Team Fees**

- Strength & Conditioning: \$120 (4 months): AMP
  - \$30/month or \$120 lump payment
- Athletic Fee: \$125 - Gilbert Public Schools [INSTRUCTIONS TO PAY](#)
- Team Gear: \$100 - Payable to Hawks Talon Booster Club
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### **Team Apparel:**

- I will send the link as soon as I get it. It is a 24/7 Store. Still being set up.

### **Website**

- Our website, [www.highlandhawksbasketball](http://www.highlandhawksbasketball.com) will usually be kept up-to-date. Please check it if you have any questions about schedules.

## Supplemental Training

### **Body**

Charles Doss  
The Doss Effect  
480-652-9770

Mark Luebke  
RISE Fitness  
480-532-3492

### **Mind**

Jeff Becker  
Mental Performance Coaching  
708-476-1397  
<https://www.coachjeffbecker.com/>

### **Jumpers**

Kenny Crandall  
KC Elite  
<https://kcebasketball.com/>