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Dear Parents:

Hello, my name is Chad Stelse and this is my seventh year coaching at Tosa West. However, this is my first year taking over as head coach. I have been around basketball my entire life. I learned the game at a very young age from my father and later had the privilege of playing for him at Lake Geneva Badger High School. After high school, I played basketball for UW-Whitewater. My true passion is high school basketball. I respect the challenge that comes with helping these young men mature into successful adults.

To be a part of the Tosa West basketball program, there will be certain expectations put upon your son. He will need to sacrifice his time and energy to being a part of a TEAM. First and foremost, academics come first! If your son isn't dedicated in the classroom - then he won't have a chance to show what he can do on the basketball court. I believe that everything you do in life starts with education and if you don't have that, everything else is a struggle. Once they take care of their business in the classroom, then the fun begins on the court.

Being a part of the Tosa West basketball team is an honor. When your son puts on that Tosa West basketball uniform, I want him to realize that he is representing not only himself, but his school, the Tosa West community as well as his family.

Please take a look at the attached sheet to better understand my expectations of your son as he is a part of the Tosa West basketball program.

As everyone is aware, our dear friend and former head coach Mike Landisch passed away on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> after an extremely courageous battle with kidney cancer. In honor of Coach and his devotion and passion for the Tosa West program, a patch will be placed on both home and away jerseys for all three levels. We will continue to "Fight like a Champion".

Sincerely,

Chad Stelse



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## Program Ideals/Goals:

Basketball players that go through our program will reach their full academic and athletic potential by the time they graduate. The two biggest goals of our program are;

- 1) Learning invaluable aspects of being a part of something bigger than yourself – they will figure out how to be team player.
- 2) They enjoy their time playing basketball for the Trojans!

### *Play Hard -*

- Our teams will be known as one of the, if not the hardest working teams in the area. It starts with hard work in practice and carries over to game day. It's pretty simple, you show your teammates and coaches that you're willing to play at 110% – or you don't see the court!

### *Play with Passion -*

- It is assumed that you have passion for the game, if not – you would not make the commitment to the Tosa West basketball program. You need to play with this passion everyday you put on a TW uniform, whether that is in a practice uniform or a game uniform – you show that passion daily.
- All of our players are dedicated to the game of basketball, with that comes a great deal of responsibility and love towards the sport.

### *Respect the Game -*

- By respecting the game you are playing hard while respecting your opponent, respecting your teammates, respecting the referees, and respecting your coaches.
- Our players will show great court demeanor and represent themselves in a positive way at all times.
- By wearing that TW uniform – you are not only dedicated to your team but you are dedicated to representing the school in a positive way.