



March E-letter

CYO Athletics Community,

Our community has a responsibility to be a sign of God's hope for the world. This as we know is no easy task. It starts with the individual. It is important to take the time to examine one's heart. God speaks to us in love, and often times it is our heart that hears God's voice. In prayer we open our hearts, and discern our role in our communities, our families, and in this world.

No matter what vocation we choose, all people are called to praise. All people are called to acknowledge a creator God who loves us beyond comprehension. Scripture calls us to humility, to acknowledge our need for God's grace.

"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. So submit yourselves to God. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. . . Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you."

James 4:6-8, 10

"God challenges us in these tough economic times to humble ourselves. We see on the news that if we throw more money at our problems, then maybe they'll go away. When we take this approach, that we have the power to solve our own problems, then it's really our pride that's getting in the way of God breaking through into our lives."

Clint Richardson
Associate AD

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship can be described in a variety of ways, but one of the best ways to identify sportsmanship is to see it in action. You could say that you know it when you see it. As our

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mission states, CYO Athletics exists to provide opportunities for youth to develop strong moral character. Within sports, character is displayed through sportsmanship, and thus sportsmanship is one of our top priorities, and deserves celebration when it is identified.

This year, coaches were asked to keep an eye out for sportsmanship throughout their seasons, and nominate teams who they saw compete with good sportsmanship.

Congratulations again to those teams that won the awards this year during soccer:

St. Louise 6th Grade Boys
Holy Family Kirkland 6th Grade Girls
Holy Rosary Edmonds 7th Grade Boys
St. Louise 7th Grade Girls
St. George 8th Grade Boys
Holy Family Seattle 8th Grade Girls

This year during basketball the following teams were honorably mentioned for their display of sportsmanship:

St. Anne 6th Grade Girls A
St. Catherine 7th Grade Girls A
St. Luke 8th Grade Boys AA

To award these teams who were nominated by their peers, CYO Athletics is partnering with Seattle's new MLS franchise, Sounders FC. On Earth Day, the Seattle Sounders FC are offering CYO teams a special opportunity to have an award ceremony in the Club Loft ([shown here](#)) before the game. Assuming we can fill the loft (they are giving us until April 11th to have 100 tickets purchased), CYO teams and families will be granted access to the **Club Loft at 6:00pm on April 25th**, to celebrate sportsmanship before the game. Following the ceremony, teams will be directed back to their seats to enjoy the game. The following information will help direct you to this event:



The image is a promotional graphic for a soccer match between Seattle Sounders FC and San Jose Earthquakes. On the left, there is a photograph of several players in green and blue jerseys celebrating on the field. On the right, the logos for both teams are displayed: Seattle Sounders FC (a green shield with a white 'S' and a black and white soccer ball) and San Jose Earthquakes (a blue shield with a white 'E' and a black and white soccer ball). Below the logos, the text reads: "April 25, 2009 • 7:30pm", "Qwest Field", "Join the Sounders FC and CYO as they go 'Rave Green' for Earth Day!", "For group tickets call Maryann at 425.203.8308 or click here to email for more information.", and "SOUNDERSFC.COM".

Rave Green Night:

Do you like sports? Do you take pride in caring for the environment? Would you like to join other CYO families who feel the same way? Join the Sounders FC as we celebrate Earth Day! Sign a "green pledge", collect a give-away and wear your favorite green T!

Who: Sounders FC vs. San Jose Earthquakes

What: CYO and Rave Green Night

Where: Qwest Field and Events Center: Non-Alcoholic Section 100 and Club Level 205

When: Saturday April 25th at 7:30pm

Why: Join your CYO community and support Major League Soccer

How much: \$16/ticket

Step 1:

Click on <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=seattlemls&o=243&q=56> to purchase your seats individually within the CYO group seating.

Step 2:

Enter Special Offer Code "cyosports". You **must enter this** to be able to access the seats!

Step 3:

Set up an account with Ticketmaster. The seats are **\$16** and there will be a \$1.25 Ticketmaster fee.

Special Food and Drink Offer:

To compliment your \$16 NA family seats we have tickets that include a hot dog, soda and bag of chips for only **\$26**, valued at over \$35. To take advantage of this offer please call Maryann DIRECTLY at (425) 203-8308 as these tickets are not available online.

*Please click on the image to submit an information request form to Maryann if you have any questions.

April Sports

April 1 - Volleyball Playoffs Begin

April 25 - Volleyball Championships

Volleyball Coaches:

Sportsmanship Awards -

Remember to make your nominations for this years sportsmanship awards. All 6th-8th Grade coaches should send an e-mail to cyo@seattlearch.org nominating a team they play this year for the sportsmanship award. These nominations are due by **April 17th**. In the nomination, share with us a few specifics of why this team is so deserving.

Baseball Coaches:

Remember: Your final rosters are due to CYO this Friday, April 3rd.

Track Coaches:

Registrations for track teams must be submitted to the CYO office by next Thursday, April 9th.

Coaches Meeting: Tuesday, April 20th - 7:00pm @ Isaac Orr Conference Room

Play Like A Champion Today!

There is one opportunity left for coaches to get their coaches training done before the start of Track. This Sunday, **April 5th**, in the OYYAM Living Room at the Chancery (907 Terry Avenue. Seattle - kitty corner on the northwest side of O'Dea HS) we will be having a training starting at 1:00pm. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early to fill out a survey. To register for this training, please fill out and e-mail us the registration form on our [website](#).

Visit our New Blog!

Today, April 1st, CYO and the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry launched a new blog, www.seattleoyyam.org. The design should make it easy to find any information you're looking for in regards to our programs. As the year moves on we will begin to add more and more of our content to this new location. Our pages on the Archdiocesan website still work, but they are much easier to navigate using the structure of our new blog.

Thank you for your commitment to CYO Athletics. If you have not received all of our E-letters this year, or would like to review previous months, you can find them on our website or [click here](#). Please also continue to send us stories, 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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