



## October E-letter

### **CYO Athletics Community,**

"When logic fails, humans have doubt. During times of personal crisis, when the world seems chaotic and without reason, we doubt. In these times, there are three things we must remember. First, God cannot lie. He has the wisdom, power and love to fulfill the promise of His word. Second, God always wins. Sometimes when we pray and ask for things, it doesn't seem like it's happening, or that things are getting worse. But ultimately God always wins, and if we put our faith and trust in God, we will win too. Third, God is with us, always and all ways.

Hebrews 6:19-20 says "This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm, which reaches into the interior behind the veil, where Jesus has entered on our behalf as high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Like an anchor holding a ship safely in position, our hope in Christ guarantees us safety. Whereas the ships anchor goes down to the ocean's bed, our anchor goes into the true Heavenly sanctuary where we are moored to God Himself. Proverbs 18:24 says "some friends bring ruin on us, but a true friend is more loyal than a brother." Jesus Christ is with us and never leaves us. He sticks to us closer than a brother.

As a program, let us continue to demonstrate to a confused and hurting world, that our hope is in Christ. We have a reason for our joy, and we have a reason for our pain. The world is watching us. How do we handle our programs? Our athletes? Our personal business? The world is searching for people with integrity and character,

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and people who are going to put things in their proper perspective. I have witnessed people in this program demonstrate these characteristics. Let us continue to be an example to the world, a reflection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Keep our staff in your thoughts and prayers. We write to you today, in faith and hope that God is with us, leading us, present in our thoughts and words, and in faith that He is walking with you, guiding you through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Clint Richardson  
Associate AD

## **Free Tickets for Seattle U Men's Basketball Nov. 19th**

Seattle University has offered CYO Athletics 500 free complimentary tickets to next week's men's basketball season opener at Key Arena. Seattle University values CYO Athletics as a partner, and would like to extend to our community the opportunity to bring your children and families to witness Seattle U's return to Division I basketball vs. Fresno State. The game is at 7:10pm on Thursday, November 19th at Key Arena.

To distribute these tickets, we require a "group leader" to send an e-mail to Scott Bailey ([scott.bailey@seattlearch.org](mailto:scott.bailey@seattlearch.org)) giving Scott two pieces of information:

1. A mailing address for the group leader that Seattle U will mail the tickets to early next week. (for example if a coach wants to bring their team, that coach should be the group leader)
2. The total number of tickets for the group, keeping in mind that groups must be 10 people or larger. **Groups of less than 10 people will not be accepted.**

**Your deadline to register for these group tickets is Thursday, Nov. 12th.**

## **November Schedule - Important Dates**

**November 10** - First of two pre-season basketball coaches meetings  
7:00pm - Isaac Orr Conference Room, 910 Marion St. Seattle

**November 14** - 6th Grade JV Jamboree at St. Luke and Holy Rosary Seattle

**November 18** - Second of two pre-season basketball coaches meetings  
7:00pm - Isaac Orr Conference Room, 910 Marion St. Seattle

**November 21 and 22** - CYO Basketball season begins for 4th-8th grades

## **CYO Athletics Does Not Overrule Referees**

CYO Athletics hires referees to make judgement calls. These decisions are made by qualified individuals trusted to ensure fairness and safety on the field of play or court. CYO Athletics will not overrule a referee, even during playoffs when official representatives of CYO Athletics are present on the sidelines. Please also note, that referees never have to justify their call during or after a game. As it states in our [CYO Athletics Manual](#) referees should never be made out to be the reason a team won or lost. While it may be difficult to experience a controversial call during a crucial moment of a contest, this is part of athletics and part of the teachable moments and lessons we can impart to our youth through sports. It is never appropriate to approach a referee after a contest, and request an explanation for why he/she made the calls the way they were made. We wouldn't do it to a coach in regards to their decision or to a player in regards to their performance, the referees deserve the same care and concern. In situations where there are persistent and egregious errors in judgment or application of rules made by a referee, please communicate your concerns to your program's Athletic Director. Our office will follow up with AD's and with the official assignors, but not with individual parent complaints.

## **Seminar on Sport, Education and Faith**

View the link below from the Vatican, in regards to their seminar held last week in regards to Church and Sport.

<http://www.dfwcatholic.org/seminar-on-sport-education-and-faith-6802/.html>

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 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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