

COACHING NOTES FROM COACHING CULTURE



EPISODE 77 GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR END OF THE SEASON BANQUET

Create a Welcoming Environment

- Greet parents and players as they come in
- Serve as an usher to dismiss tables if you are having a meal
- Thank players and parents for coming

Banquet Program - The entire program should communicate what it means to be part of your program and reinforce your core values. You can view the abbreviated outline of this year's program [HERE](#).

Thank You's- One of the cumbersome tasks is making the list of people to thank as we always worry about forgetting someone. This year our coaches made [a list](#) of people who helped us along the way, and shared that with our team captains. The captains gave a presentation thanking various groups and individuals as part of our program.

Team Awards

- Recognize accomplishments.
- Use awards to reinforce values.
- Emphasize PURPOSE over OBJECTIVE.

Examples for Linn-Mar Girls Basketball:

- **Most Valuable Player** - The player your team "can't live without"
- **Lugnut Award** - The player who does the most to hold the team together.
- **Hustle Award** - The player who demonstrates the most consistent effort.
- **Most Improved** - The player who improved most since the start of the season.
- **Linn-Mar's Top Model** - The player who best embodies our team values & culture
- **Extra Mile Award** - The player who invested the most hours in the off-season
- **The Bench Contributor of the Year** - The player who made the greatest contribution in a non-starting role.

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Award Presentations

- Have last year's winners present the award to this year's winners. We instructed our presenters to cover three things:
 - What the award meant to you
 - A few nice things about the recipient related to the award
 - Announce the winner
 - For example, the player who won the 2018 JV Lugnut Award presented this year's JV Lugnut Award at the banquet. Seniors who won awards last year made videos to present their awards from college that were played at the banquet. You can view an example from one of our alumni [HERE](#).
- Have members of your leadership council, assistant coaches, even administrators or parent volunteers present various awards

Leaving a Legacy

- Collect photos that exemplify the experience they had as a the team. We incorporated those into the powerpoint we used during the program.
- The requisite highlight video can contain more than the best individual plays. Here's what we included this year ([view our Banquet Video HERE](#))
 - Team & Individual Highlights
 - First Varsity Points
 - Team Records
 - Videos taken by our assistant coach during the year
 - Stories from our players about the season (we set up a camera during our Appreciation Day activity at the end of the year for them to share)
 - Impersonations of the Head Coach
- Have seniors write a letter to ["The Player Who Will Wear My Jersey"](#) and read them at the banquet.
- [The Yearbook](#) - We ask our players three questions and compile their answers in a packet that is distributed to everyone at the banquet:
 - What are your favorite memories from this season?
 - What are some of the most significant things you learned playing basketball this year?
 - What advice would you give to future Linn-Mar girls basketball players?

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The Coach's Speech

- Talk about each player's story- what struggles and challenges they overcame. What lessons did they learn?
- How did they grow as people?
- What do you appreciate most about them?

Empower Senior Leaders to Speak

- What would a great Senior Speech look and sound like?
- Work with them on their Senior Speech

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