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Parent Meeting

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## Priorities:

Mine: TEAM, then your son.

Yours: YOUR SON, then the team.

It is important that we BOTH understand this key difference, as this is the chief cause of friction between parent and coach.

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## Positive Culture:

- The reason for sustained success in any organization, business, or team.
- Culture drives behavior, behavior drives habits, habits create the future.
- Parents are crucial in creating a positive culture.

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Do:

- Focus on solutions, not complaints.
- 100% of all parent calls/meetings I have received or been involved in as coach revolve around two areas:
  1. Your son's role / playing time
  2. The parent's belief that "I don't like their son"
    - 90% deal with #1, and those that dealt with #2 felt that way because of #1.
    - Which dog lives – your choice, not mine.
    - TAKE OWNERSHIP

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Don't:

- Call solely to complain about playing time, role on team, or that “I don't like your son.”
- These are DESTRUCTIVE conversations.

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Do:

- Call me if you have a genuine concern about how I am coaching your son. Don't call to complain about it, but to give me some insights as to how we can better motivate him to achieve the level HE wants to achieve, and clear up any misconceptions you may be having.
- I will offer my insights, as well.
- These are CONSTRUCTIVE conversations.

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Don't:

- EVER CALL ME AT HOME OR CELL WITH THIS TYPE OF CONVERSATION. This type of conversation needs to take place at school out of respect for my family and out of the respect I have for the attention I need to give to the conversation.
- I can't have this conversation effectively when my wife and children are also in need of my attention.

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I am about to coach my children in the upcoming years,  
possibly this one. Understand:

1. In my 18 years as coach at Cromwell, I have always tried to coach each player as I would my own son. I am not feeling a need to coach anyone any differently that I have for the past 18 years.
2. My priority is always TEAM first when it comes to coaching the boys basketball team at Cromwell High School.

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