



Honor the past. Celebrate the present. Invest in the future.

I have had the pleasure of teaching, coaching, and athletic director-ing here at the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks for 14 years now. While I have tried to educate others during that time, I realize the greatest education has been mine. This letter is not long enough for me to effectively communicate to you what I have learned, so I am simply going to take one essential piece of knowledge I have gleaned and share it with you: **the power and strength of relationships formed in this community are such that nothing is insurmountable.**

I have learned this the hard way. Over my 14 years I have watched as our community has been faced with a myriad of challenges. We have lost students and loved ones to illness and tragedy. We endured a pandemic. Even now we face a damaged roof and the loss of our gym for the foreseeable future. Through all of these difficulties, our community comes together. I have watched us move forward, stronger, more united and better, all through the strength of relationships that forged a successful, cohesive team at the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks.

I spend a good portion of my time educating my students and those I am blessed to coach on what it means to be a good teammate. I have never had to look far to find models of successful teammates within our CSF community. Think about it. What qualities do you associate with that of being a great teammate? Likely you would look for selflessness, dependability, work ethic, loyalty, honesty, toughness and humility. The most obvious examples for me would be people like Nancy Hanson, Vince Fantazzi, and Amanda Angaiak. But those are only three of hundreds.

Fourteen years ago, I did not know where the strength of this school lay. I now know. The strength is found in the relationships of each educator, student, parent, and alum that make the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks special. For example, if you come to a basketball game, you will find Veronica Bynum, whose son Scooter graduated eight years ago, working the scorebook. If she can't make it, her replacement will likely be my sister Brandy, whose daughter is in 8th grade and played basketball maybe three times in her life (and never well). But Brandy is here. Next to either of these two is Joe Ribar, who graduated from Monroe before I was born, running the clock. In the stands, you will find alumni such as Dave Burglin or Chris Stepovich, both of whom played basketball and whose children played basketball here.

These relationships, like links in a chain, make us stronger. These relationships will continue to strengthen over time, as I am confident someone on the court now wearing the Royal Blue and Gold of Monroe will one day be helping at the scorer's table or watching in the stands.

These relationships and the knowledge I have gleaned from my teammates, teammates too many to name but include the likes of Bristow, Gavora, Stepovich, Wallace, Riggs, Chapman, Puryear, Neville and Walter, have provided me a foundation—a foundation to not only be my best each day, but to smile and move forward with joy in my heart.

CSF is grateful for your support, which goes beyond the education of the hundreds of students who have attended the Catholic Schools. Your support allows for the education of people like myself, who learn and grow each day from their students and teammates in this building. Your support ensures these relationships become stronger and greater in number and in doing so, this place, this amazing place, will be that much stronger. Because of supporters like you, the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks can forge relationships that withstand any tragedy, pandemic, or damaged roof.

Frank Ostanik
Athletic Director and Boss of the Rams



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