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Basketball Program Update - Coach Rob Stricula

- Third year as head coach, fifth year at Solon teaching business classes
- 25 years total coaching experience (20+ years at Benedictine)
- Current team: 4 seniors (Jonathan Khambani, Jayshawn Mack, Omari Braxton, Aaron Booz)
 - Johnny and Omari are captains
 - Johnny potential Division 2 scholarship candidate
- Recent success: Won Marsh Roundball Classic championship in Erie, PA
- Strong freshman class (10 players) and solid 7th/8th grade pipeline
- Conference outlook: Royalton and Brecksville are top competition
- Program philosophy: Accountability-focused, developing boys into men

Athletic Department Updates - Jim McQuaide

- Wrestling opens Thursday with home quad match
- Gymnastics starts week of December 15th
- Swimming/diving challenges: Pool issues forcing practice at external facilities
 - Swimmers at Chagrin Valley Athletic Club (6-8:30pm practices)
 - Divers at Macedonia Rec Center
 - All meets at John Carroll University
 - Pool completion pushed to February 1st (originally Labor Day)
- Coaching searches in progress:
 - Football head coach: Second round interviews, goal to hire by end of December
 - Volleyball coach: Interviews continuing into new year

NIL Policy Implementation

- OHSAA rules now in effect for high school athletes
- Family responsibility to negotiate deals directly (not school/boosters)
- Cannot use school name/logos in advertisements
- Must report deals to OHSAA within 2 weeks or face ineligibility
- Suburban League hosting webinar after New Year for education
- Limited business interest expected due to restrictions

Comic Classic Wrestling Tournament

- December 22-23 (Monday-Tuesday)
- Youth event December 20th (Saturday setup)
- Volunteer needs: About half filled, still seeking help
- Scott Glover photo booth proposal: No cost to club, revenue share arrangement
- National anthem performer needed (school music groups unavailable)
 - Suggestion: Ask Farley to perform
- Layout coordination needed between photo booth and Spirit Store

February Fundraiser Planning

- All sponsors secured
- Jay Leitsen catering confirmed with varied menu
- Gaming table companies: Choosing between Great Lakes and PCI
 - PCI used successfully last year
 - Cost approximately \$500 (paid as deposit + final bill)
- Keeping same ticket price as last year
- Wine/alcohol raffle planned
- 50/50 raffle only (eliminating problematic sideboards)
- Coach invitations needed - complimentary attendance expected

Financial & Membership Report

- November revenue slow, December ramping up for winter sports
- Program ad revenue coming in chunks from invoicing
- Venmo payments (through Lindsay) need reconciliation for proper tracking
- New winter sports members joining
- Spirit Store performing well with December promotions

Spirit Store Operations

- December sale ongoing: Earn \$10 Comet Cash per \$100 spent
- Hours: Friday 3:30-5:30pm, Saturday 10am-1pm
- New inventory arriving: Pajama pants, Sherpa vests, jackets
- Social media promotion requested from all members

Ongoing Issues & Resolutions

- Coach equipment requests: \$75 limit policy reinforced
- Assistant coach communication protocol: Must go through head coaches and athletic director
- Swimming/diving support: Exploring meal assistance due to practice location challenges
- Photography services: Scott Glover proposals for banners, media day, yard signs under review