

Dear Volleyball Family Members:

I just arrived at school and would like to share some thoughts that have been going thru my mind over the weekend. As each day passes the accomplishments of this season will certainly be greater and greater. This has been our dreams and our goals since the day I took over this program seven years ago. Each senior class that has represented Glenbard West has taken us to a new level. Watching this development has made me so proud and so happy. In 2006 seniors Megan Glazer and Sarah Detmer played "out of the minds" to capture a regional victory. I never had the heart to tell them that we were the play-in game. We then played the #1 seed Naperville Central and were crushed. I would like to recap some of the highlights we have enjoyed going into this season:

2006 – An intense regional victory – then bowing out to the #1 seeded Naperville Central.

Seniors Megan Glazer and Sarah Detmer ran thru brick walls to begin a relentless attitude of "tough" players. They would encourage the younger players to work hard in the off-season and believe in the coaches. Sarah gave me a crystal ball that year predicting that we would be stars someday. We lost to St. Francis in the summer league 25-2 in many of our kid's first trip ever to the Great lakes enter. Thank you girls! You paved the way!!

2007 – 21-16 - Our first 20 win season/Why Knot –. It was special. It was the first winning season for West in 20 years. Seniors Melisa Noland, Chloe Miller, Liz Lombardi, Emily Lombardi, Kara Stack. Emily Gitter, and Andrea Roberts. Our team "motto" was "why knot" and their determination and will was amazing. Freshman Laura Luszak and Tori Clifford made a huge impact in our defensive philosophy.

2008 – 23-12/We've arrived - Lisa Fraticolla steals my clipboard when we win #20 and starts pounding her fist on it saying we've arrived/we've arrived. We had 2 3 year starters Amy Kendall and Ally Motel. They were significant in this process and were joined by Emily Mayer, Madeleine Curtis, Lisa Fraticola, Bridget Lawson, and Lily Bromann giving the Toppers their second consecutive 20 win season.

2009 – 21-16 – The 20<sup>th</sup> win was on the last regular season game vs. Proviso East. The girls seemed disappointed but we still came through with another 20 win season. Seniors Emma Howes and Megan Gitter played noteworthy roles and left the underclassmen wanting more. Freshman Caleigh Ryan, Amanda Perry, and Mary Ellen Gitter contribute substantially.

2010 – 26-12/Best season in decades. Get on "board". The ship is heading in the right direction. The boat trip was awesome! Seniors Renee Wharton, Rachel Del Ciello, and Dayle Comerford led this team to a great year. 3 year starters Michelle Waggoner and Emily Jenkins finish their careers with 70 varsity wins. 4 year starters Tori Clifford and Laura Luczak leave with 91 varsity wins and 7 championships.

2011 – 31-6 – Best record since 1983 State Championship team. A heartbreaking loss in the Regional Championship. 4 of the 6 losses come in set 3 in extended play. It looks like we are in the process of earning respect from everyone. Were rated in 3 papers at some point of the year. Seniors Sydney Pearson, Charlotte Karp, Grace Leland, and Stephanie Aubuchon once again follow the senior will of Topper volleyball and take us to a level where we are so proud.

2012 – WOW – 37-3 – Look at this resume:

**Glenbard West Girls Volleyball Resume 2012**

**7-1 in Championship Matches**

**6-0 in WSC**

**Undefeated at home – 13-0**

**Trinity 25-19,25-19**

**Hinsdale Central 25-15,25-17**

**Streamwood 25-15,25-10**

**Morton 25-9,25-8**

**Chatham Glenwood 25-15,25-13**

**Geneva 25-19,22-25,25-21**

**Fremd 25-22,25-16**

**Willowbrook 25-14,25-12**

**Proviso West 25-7,25-11**

**York 25-17,25-18**

**Larkin 25-12,25-10**

**Addison Trail 25-14,25-11**

**Proviso East 25-9,25-6**

**9 Conference Champions have lost to you**

**Trinity**

**Crystal Lake South**

**Stagg**

**Lemont**

**Glenbard South**

**Bradley**

**Geneva**

**Fremd**

**Palatine**

**12 Teams you beat made it to Regional Finals:**

**Geneva**

**LTHS**

**OPRF**

**Lemont**

**Crystal Lake South**

**Hinsdale Central**

**Huntley**

**Bradley**

**Stagg**

**Trinity**

**Palatine**

**Glenbard South**

**5 Teams you have beaten are in the Sectional Finals-“Sweet 16”**

**Stagg**

**Hinsdale Central**

**Geneva**

**Lemont**

**Palatine**

**2 Teams from our conference in the “Elite 8”**

**Glenbard West**

**Hinsdale Central**

**“ELITE 8 “ - WE are in the State Championship Program – I will get copies for everyone**

**Standing Ovation when you arrive at Libertyville**

**Embraced by the entire Glenbard West Faculty, Student Body, and community.**

**SCHOOL RECORD 37 Wins**

**It will break my heart to say “Good Bye” and “Good Luck” to these seniors. They have worked so hard and have trusted all that we did. I am really not sure I have the ability to do this. I am so proud to be a part of “HISTORY” at Glenbard West. My name Pete Mastandrea along with Annie Mastandrea, Christine Mayer, Dan Scott, Lindsey Filkins, Tim Hoder, Kate Wagner, Alison Buerlbach, Patricia Stirb, Meg Demaar, Stacey Borneman, Monica Board, Caroline Leland, Caitlin Motel, Katie Ball, Caroline Jenkins, Natalie Schilling and Seniors Julia Waggoner, Nicole Schlessar, Maddie Payne, Megan Wagner, Amanda Perry and Caleigh Ryan will always be recognized as the best team in school history!**

**I would like to say THANK YOU to all of you for bringing so much joy to myself and my family.**

Sorry this has taken so long to get to you all – I truly am heartbroken – I wanted this group to win it all – because they are such champions in everything they do.

Sincerely:

Coach Pete