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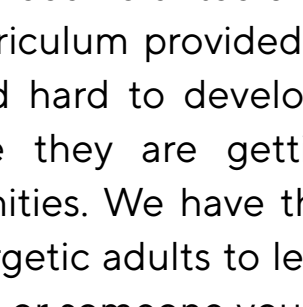
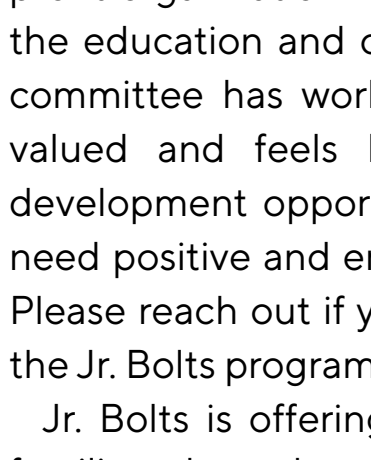
THUNDERBOLTS YOUTH BASKETBALL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - TYBA

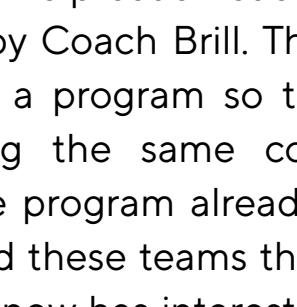
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Welcome to the Jr. Bolts basketball program where our goal is to develop the future of Pius X High School basketball while creating better people and players. We will develop young athletes by integrating faith and sportsmanship, fostering a spirit of teamwork, respect, and personal growth while building some grit in these young athletes. The strength of Jr. Bolts will always be its coaching lead by the head varsity coach and staff at Pius who will work tirelessly to develop every athlete in our program so that they will be a step ahead in both hoops and life. Jr. Bolts athletes will learn early on the fundamentals that are imperative to play at the high school level so they are ready to compete when they step on the court at Bishop Flavin Gym! We here at the Thunderbolts Youth Basketball Association are building a community of hoopers that everyone can take pride in and support one another during our basketball journey.

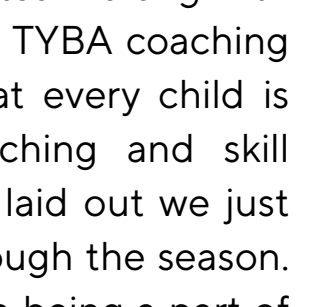
The Pius X High School basketball coaching staff has chosen to take a hands on approach to secure the future of the basketball program. Coach Brill wants every future Thunderbolt to be provided the best opportunity from an early age to find their love of the game and drive to be the best version of themselves. By increasing the number of interactions between the Pius coaches and the grade school and junior high athletes we aim to build connection and community within the Pius Basketball family so that everyone feels a part of something special.



SHOES/BOOK OF THE MONTH



COACH BRILL'S MESSAGE & BIO



10,000 MAKES CLUB

THUNDERBOLTS YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Jr. Bolts basketball program needs your help and support. As a non-profit organization we need volunteers to help coach each team along with the education and curriculum provided by Coach Brill. The TYBA coaching committee has worked hard to develop a program so that every child is valued and feels like they are getting the same coaching and skill development opportunities. We have the program already laid out we just need positive and energetic adults to lead these teams through the season. Please reach out if you or someone you know has interest in being a part of the Jr. Bolts program.

Jr. Bolts is offering multiple developmental opportunities to try to meet families where they are at on their basketball journey. We will have teams in the competitive program, which will practice multiple times per week and play the best competition in the area and travel outside of Lincoln to find competitive games. We will also have teams in the developmental program where basketball may not be your son's favorite sport right now but they enjoy playing and want the same opportunities for skill development as the competitive teams without as many practices, games or travel during the winter season. Athletes in both of these divisions will use the same skill development curriculum so that no athlete feels like they are falling behind. We at TYBA recognize that children develop at different speeds and it is impossible to predict when a child is going to grow or mature in their athleticism, but if all of the kids are provided the same skill development opportunities along the way they will have the same opportunity to play high school basketball. The most important part of a youth basketball program is developing the love of the game so that an athlete is motivated to practice their skills on their own and work to get better every day!

COACHES SHOES OF THE MONTH

Coach Brill's choice for shoes. Always a fan of the Kobe's. Below are some of my favorites.



NIKE KOBE A.D. EXODUS 'YELLOW'

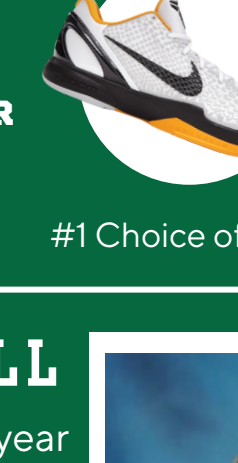


NIKE KOBE 4 PROTO 'CHBL'



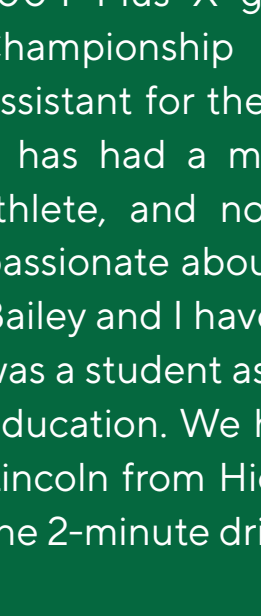
NIKE KOBE 5 PROTO

With Kobe's being tough to get. You can't go wrong with these Sabrina 2's. For a narrow foot, and share a similar look and design with the Kobe's.

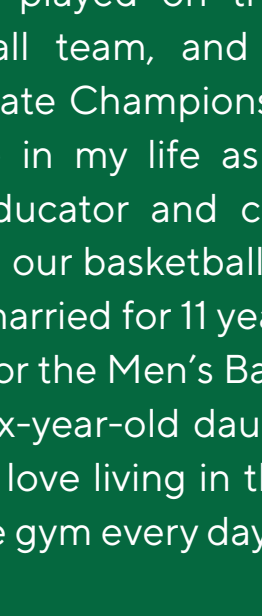


NIKE SABRINA 2 'CITRON TINT'

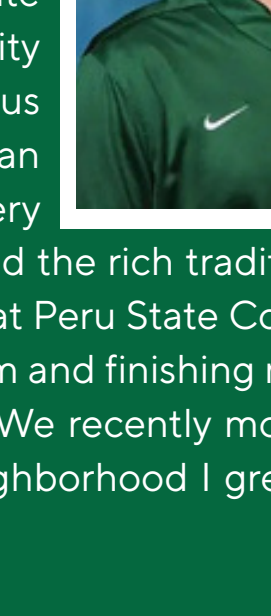
PLAYERS SHOES OF THE MONTH



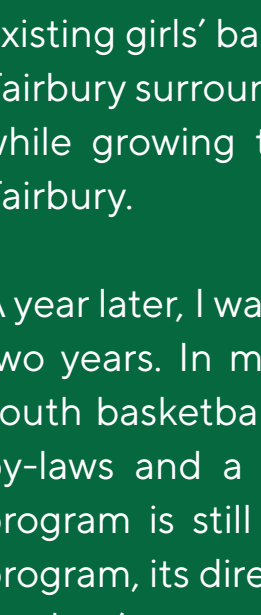
Henry Majerus



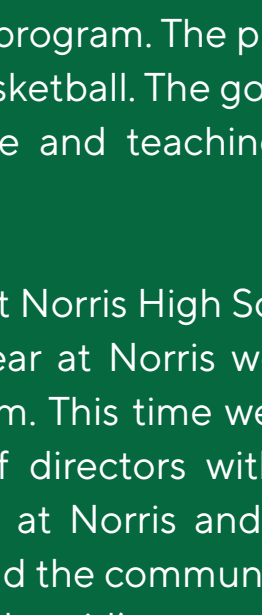
Current Hooping Shoe



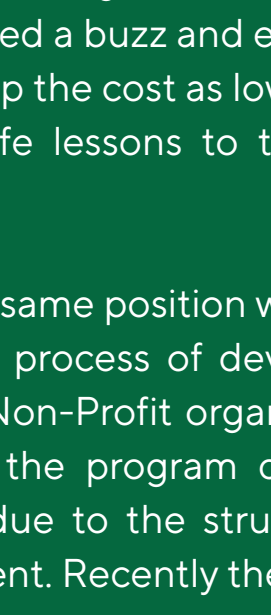
#1 Choice of Shoe



Charlie Morrow



Current Hooping Shoe



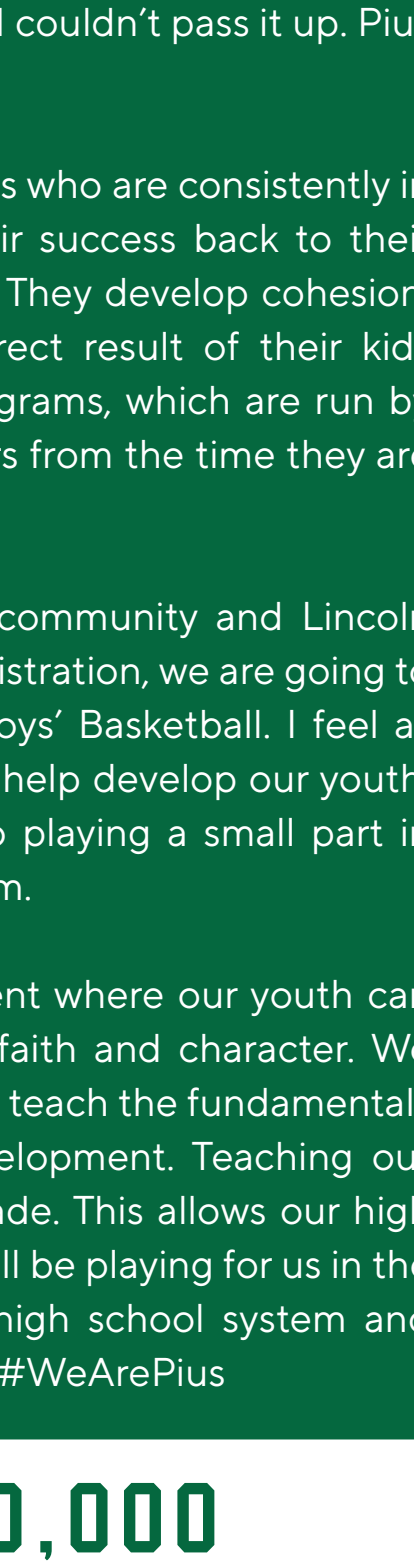
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A MESSAGE FROM COACH BRILL

Hello, my name is Adam Brill. This will be my fourth year as the head coach of the Pius X Boys Basketball program. I have coached in the boys' basketball program at Pius for a total of thirteen seasons. I'm a 2004 Pius X graduate, played on the 2004 State Championship Basketball team, and was a Varsity Assistant for the 2019 State Championship team. Pius X has had a major role in my life as a student, an athlete, and now an educator and coach. I'm very passionate about Pius X, our basketball program, and the rich tradition. My wife Bailey and I have been married for 11 years. We met at Peru State College when I was a student assistant for the Men's Basketball team and finishing my degree in education. We have a six-year-old daughter, Luka. We recently moved back to Lincoln from Hickman. I love living in the same neighborhood I grew up in and the 2-minute drive to the gym every day!

I've had two stops outside of Pius as a head coach. In 2014, I became a Varsity head coach for the first time at Fairbury Jr/Sr High School. While at Fairbury, we created our own boy's youth basketball program and merged it with the already existing girls' basketball program. The program created a buzz and excitement in Fairbury surrounding basketball. The goal was to keep the cost as low as possible while growing the game and teaching valuable life lessons to the youth of Fairbury.

A year later, I was hired at Norris High School for the same position where I spent two years. In my first year at Norris we began the process of developing our youth basketball program. This time we created a Non-Profit organization with by-laws and a board of directors with myself as the program director. This program is still in place at Norris and is thriving due to the structure of the program, its directors, and the community involvement. Recently they combined the boy's program with the girl's program. Although we are once again foes, it's great to see that program continue to grow.



In 2018 there was an opportunity to come back to Pius. I couldn't pass it up. Pius is a special place to me.

If you look around the state of Nebraska and the schools who are consistently in the hunt for State Championships, you can trace their success back to their youth programs and the development of their players. They develop cohesion, familiarity, and support for one another. This is a direct result of their kids learning and playing in their developmental youth programs, which are run by the schools' head coach, staff, and community members from the time they are in kindergarten to seniors in high school.

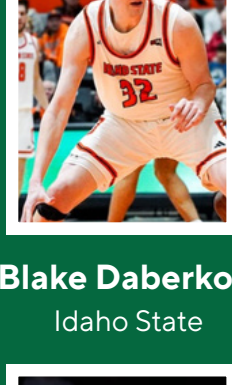
Our goal is to do the same thing within our Pius X community and Lincoln Diocesan schools. With the support of the Pius X Administration, we are going to run the youth basketball feeder program for Pius X Boys' Basketball. I feel as though being the head coach, it is my responsibility to help develop our youth, as it relates to athletics, basketball, and life while also playing a small part in growing our school and keeping kids in our school system.

We will aim to provide a positive, energetic environment where our youth can enhance their basketball skills while deepening their faith and character. We want to engage the youth in the game of basketball and teach the fundamentals of the game by focusing on the process of skill development. Teaching our curriculum and progressing as the kids move up in grade. This allows our high school coaches and players to work with the kids who will be playing for us in the future. Being a Jr. Bolt develops familiarity with the high school system and coaches while building a connection to our high school. #WeArePius

CURRENT ALUMNI PLAYING COLLEGE OR PRO BASKETBALL



Charlie Easley
Palmer Basket Mallorca
Palma(Spain)



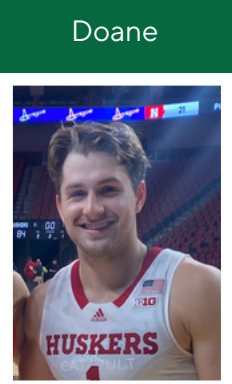
Brady Christiansen
Washburn



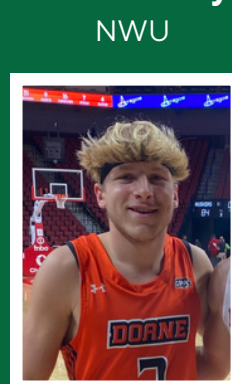
Jack Hastreiter
Augustana



Blake Daberkow
Idaho State



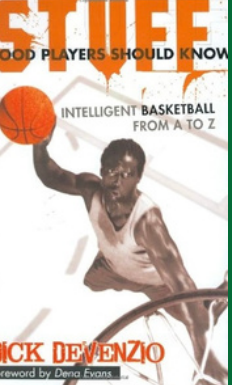
Sam Hastreiter
Minnesota State
Moorhead



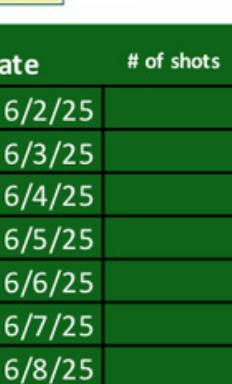
Treyson Anderson
North Dakota State



Isaac Johnson
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Parker Kelly
NWU



Sam Hoiberg
Nebraska

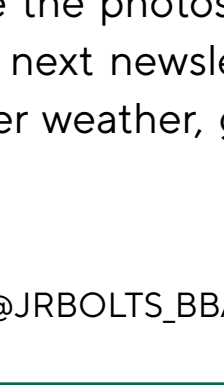


Jackson Kessler
Doane

10,000 MAKES CLUB

With 12 weeks until Labor Day, we challenge you to take part in the 10,000 makes club. From now until Labor Day chart your shots, keep the total number of shots taken, and the total shots made each time you hit the gym or the driveway. Its roughly 120 made shots each day from June 9 - August 31.

Complete the form and email back to Coach Brill. We will mark your name on our shot club whiteboard in the gym and send you a Pius X 10,000 Shot Club wristband.



Attached Below Aswell

INTRODUCING DRIVEWAY BALLERS

We want to see the youth out and about this summer working on their game! Send us pictures of you / your sons playing basketball in the driveway, or at the park. We'll share the photos on Twitter and in our next newsletter. Enjoy the summer weather, get outside and hoop!

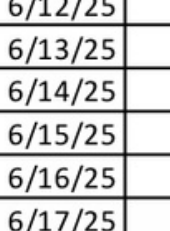
@JRBOLTS_BBALL

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Lets go with something all hoopers should have on their nightstand...

STUFF GOOD PLAYERS SHOULD KNOW FROM A-Z



The 10,000 Made Shot Club Challenge
Use this sheet to automatically calculate your total number of shots
The Challenge Runs from June 9 to Sept 1.

Date	# of shots	Date	# of shots	Date	# of shots	
6/2/25		7/2/25		8/2/25		Work on all parts of your shooting Right and Left Side...
6/3/25		7/3/25		8/3/25		
6/4/25		7/4/25		8/4/25		
6/5/25		7/5/25		8/5/25		*Layups
6/6/25		7/6/25		8/6/25		
6/7/25		7/7/25		8/7/25		
6/8/25		7/8/25		8/8/25		*Mikan Drill
6/9/25		7/9/25		8/9/25		*Jump Stop
6/10/25		7/10/25		8/10/25		*Reverse Layups
6/11/25		7/11/25		8/11/25		*Post Moves
6/12/25		7/12/25		8/12/25		*Free Throws
6/13/25		7/13/25		8/13/25		*Baseline Shots
6/14/25		7/14/25		8/14/25		*3 Point Shots
6/15/25		7/15/25		8/15/25		*Mid Range Shots
6/16/25		7/16/25		8/16/25		*Short Range Shots
6/17/25		7/17/25		8/17/25		*Have Fun
6/18/25		7/18/25		8/18/25		*Be Creative
6/19/25		7/19/25		8/19/25		
6/20/25		7/20/25		8/20/25		
6/21/25		7/21/25		8/21/25		Contest ends Sept 1, 2025.
6/22/25		7/22/25		8/22/25		
6/23/25		7/23/25		8/23/25		
6/24/25		7/24/25		8/24/25		Email completed form Sept 2, 2025. Email to... adam.brill@piusx.net
6/25/25		7/25/25		8/25/25		
6/26/25		7/26/25		8/26/25		
6/27/25		7/27/25		8/27/25		
6/28/25		7/28/25		8/28/25		
6/29/25		7/29/25		8/29/25		
6/30/25		7/30/25		8/30/25		
7/1/25		7/31/25		8/31/25		
		8/1/25				
June		July		August		
Parent: *		Parent: *		Parent: *		
Name & Grade						
Address:						
Email Address:						
Total # of Shots:						