

Dear Pleasant Plains Community, Parents, and Players,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing my family and me to come into your community, coach your sons, and teach your students. I am forever grateful for the experiences over the last two years. After much consultation and prayer, I have informed the players that I have accepted a position at Round Rock Westwood High School (Austin, TX), as their Defensive Coordinator.

I did not seek out this position, but an opportunity presented itself that I felt needed to be examined. My faith tells me that we must develop and seek wisdom in making important life decisions ("for attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight; for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life..." Prov. 1:1-3). In making this choice, it is not that one position is better than another, rather I sought out what was best for my family at this time.

If players have learned anything from the past two years, I hope they remember to be "Servant-Warriors". By serving others they will develop the character that promotes accountability, trust, and builds relationships. These will not only build a team, but more importantly, will lead to opportunities to become better sons, husbands, and fathers.

I believe we have started to create a foundation for Plains Football, built on many of the above mentioned traits. Although still in the beginning stages, I believe our efforts to coordinate with our JFL program, our off-season/summer programs, and our efforts to seek out community service projects, will all help in the efforts to continue to create the football program we all want for the Plains community.

As much as I want every player and team I am a part of to have success on the field, I want to leave you with these thoughts (from former Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman):

"We must never lose sight, however, that with the opportunity to coach these young men and experience victory together, there also comes the huge responsibility to make a difference in their lives. We must never lose sight of the fact- "once their coach always their coach." Where others may have failed them , we as coaches cannot. Where others have created mistrust, we must bring trust . Where others have created disrespect, we must bring respect. Where others have let them down, we must support them. We owe that to them regardless of their talent or ability. We owe that to them regardless of wins and losses."

I would like to take one last opportunity to thank all the coaches, players, families, staff, and community members who have sacrificed and worked hard to develop Plains Football.

Sincerely,

Brad Pugh

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Philippians 4:13 - I can do everything through him who gives me strength.