

Dear Bishop Heelan Wrestlers, Parents and Fans:

It is with mixed emotions and some deep regret I am sending you this letter now. I want you to know how much I have appreciated all the support I received here at Bishop Heelan High School. I made many friendships and these will not be soon forgotten, hopefully some of you will remain in touch! With this said, I have accepted the Head Wrestling Coach position at **Westwood Community High School in Sloan, Iowa**. My appointment as the new Head Wrestling Coach was approved tonight at the Westwood Community School Board meeting.

Westwood Community High School is a small Class A School with a very successful wrestling program. They had a team record of 25-2 this past season and were runner-up in their Regional Duals. They placed 6th in State (Class A) as a team two years ago. They have had several individual State Placewinners as well. Like Heelan (in the very near future), they have a beautiful wrestling room and school. They have a strong coaching staff and a great number of participants in their program. They had 40 wrestlers competing in their practice room this past season (grades 9-12). They have won their conference the past four years. They are the #1 boys sport in their school. They also defeated a good Sergeant Bluff-Luton team

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this past season, a team Heelan fans are very familiar with. Anyway, this decision was not only based on just opportunity, but with some deep frustration and concerns I was experiencing at Heelan. Those of you close to me realize what those frustrations were.

I want to thank all of you so much for welcoming me into your program, supporting our wrestlers and being so helpful this past season. There are some wonderful parents, administrator's and fans at Bishop Heelan High School. I also had some wonderful Priests I had the great opportunity to live in the same dwelling with, and share many good conversations over supper many evenings when I wasn't back too late from practice. These certainly are fine gentlemen of deep faith. I particularly thank Father Shane for his extra blessings and support to our team. What a wonderful man! Most of all though, the wrestlers at Heelan are great young men and I admired their work ethic, teamwork, respect and sharing many memorable moments with me. I also want to especially thank the coaches, parents and the Western States Wrestling Club for all your help in one way or another this past year. Also, our Student Managers were of tremendous help! I also thank the cheerleaders for their support all season. I hate to single out individuals because so many of you contributed in one way or another and I would not want to slight anyone by leaving out their name. Please know that ALL OF YOU though will always hold a strong place in my heart and lasting memories for a lifetime! You are all very special and can be so proud of what you have there in Sioux City at Bishop Heelan High School!

One thing I do feel particularly good about in leaving behind is a strong team that should do great things this coming season. With another year of experience and what looks to be a solid lineup I fully anticipate a State Team Tournament run this coming year, along with a some wrestlers standing on the podium at State. There are some wrestlers with tremendous talent and please know I will continue to root for you! Also, please do not hesitate in contacting me at any time if you feel I can be of help in terms of advice, etc., this coming season. I wish each of you the very, very best, and may God bless you in many ways.

As a parting gesture, I spent some money and had four large banners made of Heelan's past individual State Wrestling Champions which will soon hang proudly in the new Heelan Wrestling Room. I hope some current Heelan Wrestler in the room now can one day join these Heelan "Legends" of the past so proudly displayed in our coveted wrestling room. All the best!

Most Sincerely,

Coach Scot Davis