

Dear Antler Family,

Greetings! I hope this letter finds you all in great spirits and full of hope for the upcoming year.

As you know, our Regional Champion football team ended the 2009 season with a strong showing against the Brenham Cubs. The kids played hard and represented the City of Kerrville as well as any group of kids ever could. I am so proud of each and every one of them. If you saw any of their games this year, you certainly saw the poise, the sportsmanship, and the team work. We could all learn a thing or two from these kids. While, I certainly wish we could have gone on to play (and win) one more game, it was still thrilling to be a part of the memories these young men will have for many years. I suppose the thing that most impressed me with this play-off run was the way that this team brought the town together. It brought out an esprit-d 'corps that I have not seen in a number of years. This is one of the many reasons we are all so blessed to live in this wonderful community.

As I complete my first semester as your principal, I would like to take a moment to remind you that your sons and daughters are in capable and caring hands. The faculty and staff of Tivy High School is quite simply the best group of educators I have ever had the pleasure of working with. They surprise me every day with the actions they take to help our students. To say this group goes "above and beyond" would be a huge understatement. If, over the Christmas break, or any other time, you find occasion to meet and greet one of your child's teachers, please do so. While teaching is a calling and honor, it does not come with a great number of opportunities to be recognized for a job well done. I am certain that a heartfelt "good job" or "thanks" would make a teacher's day or week.

I am not the only one who has taken notice of the great things going on at Tivy. Tivy High School received four Gold Performance Acknowledgements for Social Studies, College Ready Graduates, Improvement in Math, and Texas Success Initiative – the Higher Education Readiness Component in English/Language Arts. Believe me; your kids have wonderful teachers.

As the curtain closes on 2009 and 2010 approaches, please remember that high school is a team sport. If you have questions, concerns, advice, you name it; the Tivy staff is here to be of service to our students, our parents and our community. Don't hesitate to call, e-mail or drop in.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Bobby Templeton

Proud Tivy Principal