

# Coaching in a Small School: Facing the Challenges and Experiencing the Joy!

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# BEFORE WE GET STARTED

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# A Little About Me



- I just finished my 24th year in education.
- I've been at Chireno for the last 17 years and served as the district (2-12) UIL coordinator and coached many events.
- Moving to Center HS next year
- Coached 129 students to the UIL state meet including 53 medalists
- Member of the Region 7 Congress Commitee, Regional Speech Advisory Commitee, State LD Commitee
- I typically host many elementary/junior high and high school meets a year.
- My favorite role is "Mimi" - I have 6 grandbabies - 3 boys and 3 girls
- I love Disney and SFA Basketball!

# Capital Conference Files

My presentation files for the conference -  
and if you ask for anything throughout the  
year, I'll add it here. :-)

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My #1 Piece of Advice -  
**TEAMWORK!!!!**

# Students



Tradition: We've been taking these pictures since at least 2010

Within your events and within your entire team, you need to work on **team building**.

TShirts

Activities - Tye Dying, Making Christmas Ornaments

Create Traditions

Support other events

(academic & athletic) with

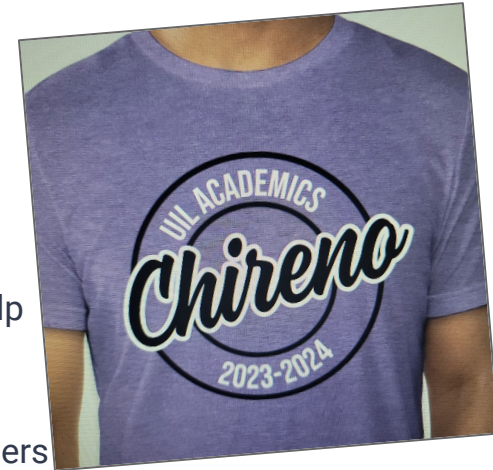
good luck signs &

show up to games

-My computer apps kids help

my journalism and debate

kids with computers & printers





# Teachers & Coaches



Chireno Lady Owls

May 14 · 🌐



State Medalist has a nice ring to it! HUGE CONGRATS to our very own Brielle on her third place finish at state! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!!!!



You MUST work together - athletic coaches & all academic coaches

Support each other

Talk nice about each other

Form relationships



Chireno Lady Owls

April 28 · 🌐



Big time Congrats to all of our kids for advancing - especially our basketballer Lady Owl- Brielle!! State bound! AWESOME!

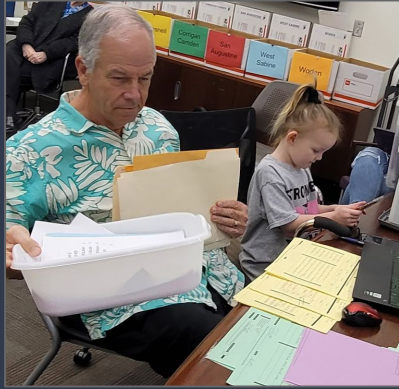


Chireno High School UIL is at Panola College.

April 26 · Carthage · 🌐

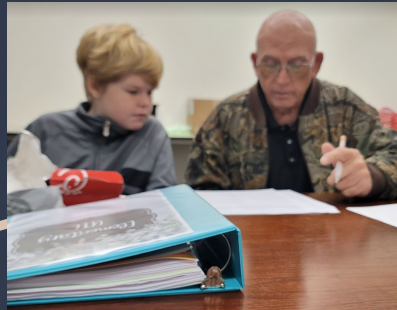
What a crazy, busy, wonderful day at Panola College. Chireno UIL did an outstanding job and had 3 students medal and qualify for the UIL State Meet.  
Colton Theriot - Region Champion (back to back Region Champion) in Computer Applications  
Trevin King - 3rd Place Informative Speaking  
Brielle Theriot - FRESHMAN Region Champion in Editorial Writing

# Your Network



My granddaughter with a local 4A (now retired) coach.

If you let them, your network will become family.



My grandson learning number sense tricks from another local coach.

Don't limit yourself to "your" adults

Make connections with other local schools - small and large

Example:

School 1 - experienced debate coach

School 2 - experienced calculator coach

"Let's get our kids together, and I'll work with your debaters while you work with my calculator kids."

You may choose to work with different size schools, but we don't limit ourselves. I tell my kids that if I work with another school two or three times, and they beat you (who has me EVERY day), you deserve to be beat. :-)



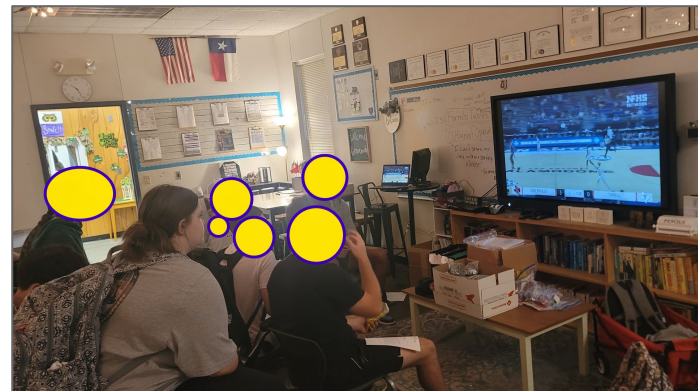
# Your Network Will Become Your Kids' Network



A local (not from our school) coach was diagnosed with breast cancer last summer. When I told my students in August - their first response - "Can we sell a shirt to raise money for her?"



3 East Texas Schools at State CX



My kids watching Shelbyville play in the state basketball tournament

# FUN!



Chick-fil-A Delivery



Don't always concentrate on the events and the awards... Find the FUN! Make other kids want to be a part of your team.

Dress like your favorite teacher/student - We dressed like each other!



# Be Flexible

Work with kids on practice time

Work with kids on invitationals (Don't require an academic invitational tournament on the same weekend as a basketball tournament)

# Start Recruiting Young

One of your biggest advantages is you can start forming relationships when they are young. I start learning the kids in Pre-K/Kinder! You learn their names - you speak to them. They know you too!

Small schools have one advantage - you can get your hands on the “littles”



Entire campus (pk-12) state send off



# Student Activities Conference

## Student Activities Conferences

### 2024 Student Activities Conferences

This year's schedule includes four in-person conferences offering contest information, instruction and tips to help coaches and students prepare for the 2025 competition season. Sessions will be scheduled for all UIL academic contest areas.

**Sept 7** Tyler Junior College, Tyler

**Sept 14** Lone Star College-North Harris, Houston

**Oct 5** Texas Tech University, Lubbock

**Nov 2** University of Texas at Austin

# Virtual Challenge Meets

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 VirtualMeet2

 VirtualMeet3



# Q & A – Round table Time

Questions? Other tips I didn't share?



# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

Registration link,  
presentations and handouts  
are available on the website.

*Remember to register your  
attendance for each session.*

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Handouts & More

