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WELCOME MESSAGE

Let me be the first to welcome you to the Wiregrass Ranch wrestling team. You have taken the first step to participating to one of the most exciting and challenging sports. Wrestling is unlike any other sport in that it not only is it a team sport, but it places special emphasis on individual effort.

The 2018-2019 will be a tough and challenging season. A lot of effort has been placed on this seasons schedule to afford the athletes the opportunity as much mat time as possible. Not only will they have the opportunity for maximum time on the mats, but they will be challenged with wrestling some of the best teams and toughest competitors in the state.

This season the team will have new uniforms. The Principal, Ms. White, and Athletic Director, Mr. Wilson, have gone above and beyond this year to support the wrestling team by ensuring the team represents the school in a 1st class fashion.

Also, being implement this year are my "GOTO" projects. The "GOTO" acronym stands for Give One – Take One. The "Give One" project will be a project planned by the Senior's on the team to donate one day of the team's time to any community project. The project will be focused on giving back to the community. The team depends on the community for much of its funding to support tournament fee's, uniform and equipment costs. Therefore, it's important that the team "give back" to the community that has supported them. The team captains will, with the input from the rest of the team, and the parents and the alumni club, identify a worth project and commit on day to that event. The "TO" or "Take One" part of GOTO will be one day the Seniors decide and plan for a fun day, outside of wrestling for the team. This will be a team sponsored event, supported by the parent's club and the alumni club for the team to have a oneday function to build the team camaraderie. As I mentioned, wrestling is unlike nay other sport and the esprit de corps these young athletes build through the course of their wrestling career will stay with them for a lifetime.

In closing, I welcome you to accept this challenge of wrestling. It will push you to new limits that you never knew or believed you could achieve or accomplish. It will develop a set of skills and values that will not only serve you well on the wrestling mat, but will serve you well throughout your life. I am looking forward to an outstanding season and the privilege of working with you all this year. GO BULLS!

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