



# PROSPECTOR FOOTBALL

## COACHING STAFF 2011

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To: Prospector Football Players  
CC: Prospector Football Parents

Dear Prospector Football Players,

In my time as head coach of this program you have learned a few life-changing lessons that I hope have altered your perspective in a positive, irrevocable way.

- You've learned that *love is sacrifice*.
- You've learned that *a man does what is right, no matter what the cost*.
- You've learned that *the way a man does **some** things is the way he does **everything***.
- You've learned that *something **simple** is not necessarily **easy***.
- You've learned that *if you put the sand and water in the bucket first, you won't have any room for the big rocks*.
- You've learned that *there is no such thing as a "good man", just a man that wakes up everyday and does the right things*.
- You've learned that *it's never too late to do the right thing*.

I believe all of those things, and I try to live them no matter what the cost. In light of that, I regretfully inform you of my retirement from education and resignation as the Apache Junction head football coach.

This decision was simple, but the furthest thing from easy. I humbly tell you that my life and my family are completely out of balance. I realized a few weeks ago at my one-year-old son's birthday party that I had completely missed his first year of life, going an entire week at a time without ever seeing him or my other boys. My family spent a total of nine days together since I took the head coaching position over a year ago. We've been to church twice in 2012.

If you feel disappointed, angry, abandoned, or sad, I understand. I feel I have an obligation to you and this program, and I am not fulfilling it. That does not sit well with me. But how you feel right now, with me choosing something else over you, is exactly how my wife has felt everyday of our marriage, and how my children have felt everyday of their lives. Love is sacrifice. And by my own definition, I have loved teaching and coaching football far more than my own children or wife. I will go no longer saying one thing about what a man, husband, and father should be, and not live it, and I choose to leave a profession I have loved and devoted my entire life to so that I may be the man my family needs me to be.

You are the casualties of my timing, and I will be forever sorry for it, as you don't deserve it; you deserve a man that will dedicate himself to your growth as men and students and athletes. But my boys deserve that too. I accept my failings as a teacher and a coach, but I will not accept failure as a father.

I've had no greater honor than being entrusted to your development as men, and I pray that you can separate your emotions of this news from the impact your involvement in this program has had on your life. I can only hope you someday understand and forgive me for leaving you now. And you know I sincerely desire your growth and success as men of integrity and character.

Sincerely,

Coach Mac