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TO: Boys Basketball Student-Athletes, Parents, and Fans  
FROM: Logan Midthun, Activities Director  
DATE: May 29, 2020  
RE: Head Coach- Boys Basketball

Big Lake Boys Basketball Players and Parents,

I am excited to announce the hiring of Tom Critchley Jr. as our next head boys basketball coach.

Tom comes to Big Lake with an impressive resume that includes 24 years of head coaching experience and over 400 wins. Coach Critchley most recently was the head girls basketball coach at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, where he won 140 games and turned D-G-F into an annual contender in section 8AA. Prior to that he was the head boys basketball coach at Marshall High School. While in Marshall, Tom won five conference championships and one section championship. Coach Critchley also developed a very successful youth program while at Marshall that built the foundation for success at the high school level. Tom left Marshall to go to D-G-F so he could coach his two youngest daughters. Prior to Marshall, Tom was the head boys basketball coach at Ulen-Hitterdal where he won 54 games and two section championships in his final two years there. He has been named section coach of the year five times in his career. Coach Critchley is also very active in the coaches association, as he has been elected president of the Minnesota State HS Coaches Association.

Tom Critchley Jr.- "I am honored to have been selected to lead the Big Lake boys basketball program. I look forward to building relationships with our student-athletes and sharing my passion and knowledge of the game of basketball while helping prepare these young men for all aspects of life. I cannot wait to meet all of our players from kindergarten to grade 12. Go Hornets."

Tom has also been hired in the Big Lake School District as a special education teacher at Independence Elementary School. Coach Critchley's wife Heidi is a middle school principal. They have four daughters, two are currently teachers and two are in college.

Logan Midthun, Activities Director- "We are very excited to have someone with the passion and depth of knowledge that Tom possesses to lead our boys basketball program. Coach Critchley understands that successful programs are built on building relationships and having a solid foundation that starts at the youth levels. I can't wait to have Tom lead the young men in our basketball program."

If you would like to get in touch with Coach Critchley, you can reach him at [tom.critch@gmail.com](mailto:tom.critch@gmail.com).

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