



“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”- 1 Timothy 4:8

**“LOST TIME IS NEVER FOUND AGAIN” – BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

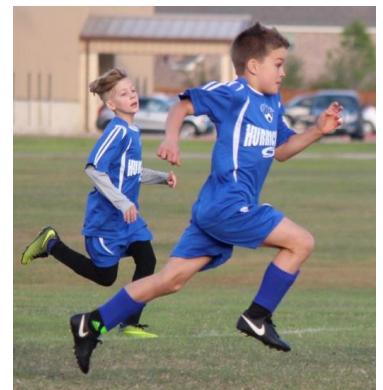
It’s hard to believe, but over 40 games have already been played by HCYA Hurricanes, and 11 out of 25 training sessions have now been completed. How time flies when you’re having fun! In spite of cold/wet (wintry?) weather, we’ve pressed on and continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of the program: Attitude, performance, character, sportsmanship, leadership, Christ-likeness. Many “teachable moments” have presented themselves, and we continue to pray for growth opportunities using the platform of soccer. Life as a Hurricane passes quickly – May we not waste a single second!

**DEVOTIONAL THEME: REPUTATION – “A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold” (Proverbs 22:1)**

If you were to take an anonymous poll, what do you think others would say about you? What would you WANT them to say? What would you like your epitaph to say? Does your reputation match your character? These are tough questions, but it’s important to know ourselves – who we truly are when no one else is looking. The Bible informs us that it’s better to have a good name (reputation) than great riches simply because wealth is temporary but our reputation lasts forever.

Think of Judas – the one who betrayed Jesus; or Thomas, the man who doubted Jesus. Or even Peter, the man who denied Jesus. Reputations like this are hard (though not impossible) to erase. In our quest to pursue righteousness and moral/ethical integrity, we must rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us moment by moment to protect us from our enemy, “the devil who prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Let’s make it our goal not to be yet another victim whose reputation is “shot” because we choose to follow the crowd, the world’s standards or our own fleshly, selfish, temporarily satisfying desires!

*It’s been said that it takes years to construct a building, but only a few minutes to tear it down. The same is true of our reputation. Weeks, months and years of faithful service – culminating in a solid reputation – can be undone in a single moment of madness, one wrong word, one bad turn. Perhaps the allure of sin for a moment or a season... Whatever the case, our reputation is important and needs to be protected. And while we cannot be responsible for what people THINK about us, we can guard our heart and safeguard our character with a Godly lifestyle and a steely determination to be Christ’s ambassador at all times, in all places and with all people.*



Looking forward to seeing you soon, and Happy Thanksgiving!  
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**“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” - Philippians 4:13**