



# COACH SPEAKS AUG 2016

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BIXBY SPARTAN FOOTBALL  
WILL BE RESPECTED AS THE  
VERY BEST PROGRAM IN 6A  
AT DEVELOPING YOUNG MEN.



Dear Spartans,  
Our September 2<sup>nd</sup> opener against the Jenks Trojans is fast approaching. We are very excited about the way our athletes have been preparing for the 2016 season. We return 5 starters on offense and 6 starters on defense from our 2015 State Championship team.

Our team recently scrimmaged the Enid plainsmen. The scrimmage consisted of round robin scrimmaging for freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity. The scrimmage format was followed up with a controlled half game against Enid. We saw some real bright spots, and our Spartans pulled away for a 21-7 victory.

This week we traveled to Yukon for our second scrimmage. The format was very similar to the Bixby Fall Classic. The scrimmage began with round robin scrimmaging for JV and Varsity, and then concluded with two half games.

Our first game was against Yukon, and we were very efficient defeating Yukon 28-14 during the half game. During the second scrimmage we played many of our younger Spartans, and were defeated by Choctaw 21-7. Both scrimmages were great for our team, and a lot of players got quality repetitions.

This Friday night we will Travel to Jenks to open our season against the four time defending 6A-1 State Champion Jenks Trojans. Kickoff is at 7:30, and we encourage everyone to come out and support the 2016 Spartans.

## Week 3 Military Appreciation Vs. Putnam City Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm



Please make plans to join us on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for our home opener against the Putnam City Pirates. The atmosphere will be electric, as two traditional Oklahoma playoff powers square off in the home opener.

The home opener is also our Military appreciation night, where we will honor our fans and staff who have selflessly served our country. There will be a pre-game dinner hosted by Savastano's, as well as a WWII flyover during the national anthem. The evening is sure to be special for our players and fans!

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Our first home game is on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm against the Putnam City Pirates. We still have season tickets available. Tickets are just \$50 and get you into all of the Jr. High and Junior Varsity football games as well. If you are interested in purchasing season tickets, please reach out to Denise Wood our athletic secretary at [dwood@bixbyps.org](mailto:dwood@bixbyps.org).

We would like to remind everyone that our first home game is also Military Appreciation Night. This is always a favorite evening of mine, not only because it is our first home football game, but it is an opportunity for us to honor those who have given us the opportunity to live in the best country in the world. I am always so proud of my Grandfather, J.D. Smith, a WWII Veteran who attends this game each year.

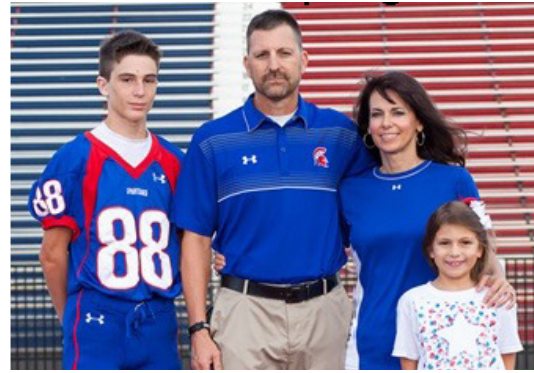
Once again this season, your Spartans will be covered by numerous media outlets. One big change is that both the live radio broadcasts of our games, as well as our weekly coaches radio show, will be carried by 1430 AM The Buzz. The coaches radio show will air live each Tuesday night from Canes chicken at 6:00pm.

We would like to thank Whitney Allen and all of our Momma Spartans for another successful Parent/ Son pancake breakfast. The breakfast was another huge success, that featured great food, fellowship, and a leadership message from Tony Swart. We are also so appreciative to Pastors Phil Salee and Terry Langenberg for opening the doors to New Beginnings Church to host our program.

Finally, we want to thank all of our Quarterback Club volunteers for making Bixby Spartan Football the very best experience for our players. Our Quarterback Club has been working feverishly to feed our players, install stadium graphics, educate our coaches, and to provide the best equipment in the state for our players. If you haven't joined yet, please join the Quarterback Club now by going [HERE](#). You now have the option to join online, and we anticipate a record number of members on the QBC banner that will be on display as you enter the stadium!

Sincerely,  
Coach Montgomery

Coaches Spotlight



With military appreciation week upon us, it is only fitting that we honor Head Freshmen Football Coach, Head Track Coach, and Father, Doug Behrens.

Coach Behrens served in the United States Marine Corps from 1986-1996 after attending the University of Oklahoma. Coach Behrens shares with his students that joining the Marines was the best decision he ever made. Coach Behrens states that like many young men, he was lost, and needed the discipline and direction of the Marines.

Coach Behrens began his military career as a rifleman, moved to a team leader, then squad leader, and finally was a Platoon Sergeant. Coach Behrens opted to be discharged from the Marines after ten years of service. He said it was the hardest decision of his life, but he was ready to take the next step in his life.

That next step was for Mr. Behrens to finish his degree in education from Northeastern State University, and to start his family. Coach Behrens has two beautiful children. Blake (15) is a sophomore on the Bixby Spartan Football team, and Emma (8) is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Bixby Central Elementary. Coach Behrens and his lovely wife Jennifer reside in Bixby.

Coach Behrens has been a teacher and coach for 16 years. He taught in Broken Arrow until 2006 when he joined the Bixby staff. Coach Behrens says that he loves both the teaching and coaching aspects of his profession. He says that "the camaraderie of athletics and coaching is as close to the military that I could get without carrying a gun for a living."

Coach Behrens has enjoyed teaching at Bixby because of the small town feel. He says what really makes Bixby Public Schools special is the wonderful students and teachers.



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DL/SENIOR

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WR/SENIOR

**PIERCE HIBBLLEN**  
OL/SENIOR

**RYAN MATTHEWS**  
RB-DB/SENIOR

**2016**  
**BIXBY**  
**SPARTANS**

SEPT  
**02**  
@JENKS  
WEEK 1

SEPT  
**09**  
@BENTONVILLE  
WEEK 2

SEPT  
**16**  
PUTNAM CITY  
WEEK 3  
MILITARY NIGHT

SEPT  
**23**  
WESTMOORE  
WEEK 4  
HOMECOMING

SEPT  
**30**  
@MUSKOGEE  
WEEK 5

OCT  
**07**  
SAPULPA  
WEEK 6  
WIN WIN

OCT  
**14**  
@PONCA CITY  
WEEK 7

OCT  
**20**  
BARTLESVILLE  
WEEK 8

OCT  
**28**  
@BOOKER T.  
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