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Lorenzo Bailey	lorenzo.bailey@clayton.k12.ga.us		Middle School Boys Track & Field; Flag Football; Varsity Boys Basketball	I believe that every student can be an athlete in some aspect of athletics. Everyone is not meant to be the star but they can definitely be a star in their role. Being dedicated and committed to the team and sport is what I ask from my athletes.
Alex Bennifield	abennifield@gmail.com		Varsity Boys Basketball; Varsity Boys Track & Field	My coaching philosophy centers on holistic development, fostering not only physical prowess but also mental resilience and character growth. I believe in creating a supportive and inclusive team environment that values effort, progress, and teamwork, rather than solely focusing on outcomes. Through personalized guidance and continuous improvement, I aim to empower athletes to achieve their highest potential both on and off the field.



<p>Tony Brinson</p>	<p>tony.brinson@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Varsity Girls Basketball</p>	<p>WIN FOREVER *Always Compete: Infuse competition into every practice because it increases the intensity and makes drills more realistic. Every day there are winners and losers. *Finish The Task: Complete every play, drill, and practice. Coaches talk about effort first when it comes to player's talent, and finishing shows effort.</p>
<p>Alexandria Ellison</p>	<p>alexandria.ellison@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Varsity Girls Basketball; JV Volleyball</p>	<p>My coaching philosophy is player-centered, I strive to players accomplish academic and physical success, while developing the skill sets needed to be mentally and emotionally aware of one's self. I strive for continuous adaptability, character development, ethical conduct, strong communication skills, and pure hard work.</p>



<p>Freddricka Embry</p>	<p>freddricka.embry@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Middle School Boys Basketball; Middle School Flag Football</p>	<p>I believe that teaching the basic fundamentals is an integral part of player development. Once a solid foundation is established the skill set can soar with hard work and dedication. I strive to create a positive team environment that will encompass discipline, self-worth, honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship! In turn, hopefully creating a lifelong love for sports and physical activity both competitively and leisurely.</p>
<p>Cassandra Gardner</p>	<p>Cassandra.Gardner@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Varsity Cheer</p>	<p>The word that describes me is LIGHT. LIGHT stands for Love, Integrity, Grit, Honesty and Tenacity. I want to be a light and a LIGHT to everyone that I encounter.</p>

<p>Jason Greenlee</p>	<p>jason.greenlee@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Varsity Boys Basketball; Varsity Boys Soccer</p>	<p>My coaching philosophy centers around fostering discipline, hard work and mental toughness. I believe that discipline forms the foundation of success, driving consistent improvement. Hard work is the vehicle through which goals are achieved, and mental toughness empowers individuals to overcome challenges, enabling them to thrive both on and off the field or court.</p>
<p>Eric Gregory</p>	<p>eric.gregory@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Varsity Boys & Girls Tennis</p>	<p>My goal is to instill in my players a sense of self-belief and foster an environment where they feel empowered to perform at their highest level and strive for continuous improvement.</p>

<p>Myra Hamilton</p>	<p>myra.hamilton@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Middle School Volleyball; Middle School Swim; Varisty Boys & Girls Swim</p>	<p>My coaching philosophy is to create an environment that motivates athletes to learn and develop in and out the competitive environment. As a coach, I will uphold effective leadership by enforcing the acceptable standards of behavior within the group. These acceptable, positive behaviors will foster confidence as well as pride in all of the athletes and will also help each one recognize the importance of their well-being which is key to one's development as an athlete and viable member of any team.</p>
<p>Eartha Harrington- Lewis</p>	<p>eartha.harringtonlewis@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Middle School Volleyball; Middle School Girls Track & Field; Middle School Girls Basketball</p>	<p>I believe that coaching is a gift. To coach a child to perform way beyond their potential is a privilege that should not be taken lightly. Nothing gives me more joy than to see an athlete start off with raw potential, and develop into a force to be reckoned with.</p>

<p>Catherine Lawrence</p>	<p>catherine.lawrence@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Varsity Volleyball; Varsity Boys Track & Field</p>	<p>It is my mission to inspire and motivate my student-athletes to be the best version of themselves, both during and away from their sport. My commitment includes continuous education and imparting knowledge and techniques that will create improvement within our program and players to ensure growth and preparedness as they become confident and resilient young adults.</p>
<p>Derick Powell</p>	<p>Derick.powell@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Varsity Boys & Girls Golf</p>	<p>Teaching life lessons through sports.</p>

Derrick Smith	derrick.smith@clayton.k12.ga.us	 A portrait of Derrick Smith, a Black man with a beard and mustache, wearing a blue shirt and a yellow lanyard with "CLAYTON ATHLETES" written on it. He is sitting in a car.	Varsity Boys Soccer	I am here to mold student athletes into productive citizens. I require them to come to practice ready to work and practice how you want to play. Everyday is an opportunity to get better.
Laquisha Smith	laquisha.smith@clayton.k12.ga.us	 A portrait of Laquisha Smith, a Black woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a patterned top.	Varsity Girls Track & Field	My goal is to cultivate an environment that uses the <i>whole child approach</i> to nurture and develop student athletes while enhancing their athleticism and appreciation for positive competition.

<p>Reshawndra Trapp</p>	<p>reshawndra.hutchins@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Middle School Cheer</p>	<p>My coaching philosophy is simple: I want to help athletes understand that the lessons learned in cheerleading extend beyond the sport itself. The skills they acquire, such as discipline, teamwork, and goal setting, will benefit them in various aspects of their lives. I also want to create a supportive and inclusive team culture where each athlete is valued for their unique strengths and contributions. While individual progress is important, the success of the team is a collaborative effort.</p>
<p>Keisha Washington</p>	<p>keisha.washington2@clayton.k12.ga.us</p>		<p>Middle School Track & Field</p>	<p>To provide each athlete with the necessary tools to succeed. Succeed not just during athletic competition, but academically and throughout their life.</p>

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Middle School Soccer;
Varsity Girls Soccer;
Varsity Girls Basketball

My coaching philosophy is to develop well rounded young adults through a positive environment that promotes a competitive soccer/basketball program at Elite Scholars Academy. The sporting field is a character- building atmosphere, in which, I will emphasize teamwork, trust, holistic growth, and cultivate confidence. I intend to strengthen ESA's student-athletes' integrity and character through hard work and discipline, in addition to sportsmanship, positive attitudes, dedication, and leadership that will not only carry them in their individual high school sports, but throughout life's journey as well.