

Basketball season kicks off with reflection

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Coach Jake Mullins stepped onto the hardwood this week to kick off basketball season and continue the legacy of Robert Hoepfl's girls varsity basketball program.

Hoepfl was named 3A League's Coach of the Year in 2018 and led the team to winning seasons his last three years. He left Warren-

WHS student earns state award

Isabella Morrill, Warrenton High School's student body vice president, was named Co-State Champion in the Oregon Music Education Association's state music composition contest.

She is the first Warrenton student to earn the honor and was competing against students from schools large and small throughout the state.

She also is a member of Warrenton High School's debate team, the only team in Oregon to make the finals of the International Public Policy Forum sponsored by the Brewer Foundation and New York University. Sixth-four teams from around the globe are competing for a \$10,000 grand prize and trip to New York City.

Other WHS students on the team are Mara Dowaliby, Serena Moha, Caitlyn Sanders and Elizabeth Whitsett.



Isabella Morrill with Michael McClure, Warrenton's director of music education.

ton High School in June.

"Hoepfl laid a solid and strong foundation for this



Bruce Dustin
Coach Jake Mullins talks with players at the start of basketball season.

program," Mullins said. "It will make my transition so much easier. He set a standard of excellence and a clear path for success. He has some big shoes to fill, but I'm up for the task."

Mullins, a 2004 graduate of Warrenton High School, has been coaching basketball for the past decade in a variety of roles. He coached JV boys basketball for the last three years as well as a previous stint in 2007 with Josh Jannusch, now a WHS vice principal. Mullins also spent a year at Kennedy High School in Mount Angel coaching its JV program.

"I have a passion for

basketball and I love the sport," he said. "This season, I hope each time we step out onto the court we improve. As we build throughout the sea-

son we want to put ourselves into a position contending in our league, contending for a spot at State. I have high hopes."

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