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2009 Broome County STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Tournament Field Announced

At the Charlie Howland Memorial Luncheon at Binghamton High School

(Binghamton, NY-) Today, Broome County STOP DWI Coordinator James May, Binghamton City School Officials, sponsors, tournament organizers, and local high school teams attended the Annual Charlie Howland Memorial Luncheon at Binghamton High School. A news conference was held before the luncheon to announce details of the 18th Annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic that will take place December 28th-30th at the Broome County Veteran's Memorial Arena. Tournament passes (20 games) cost \$36. Session tickets (3 games) cost \$8 and are \$5 for children under 12.

"We have established an exciting field for the 18th Annual STOP DWI Holiday Classic," said James May Broome County STOP DWI Coordinator. "Our community is excited to again host this top notch basketball competition here, in Greater Binghamton. Each year, the players' display of leadership and athleticism helps draw attention to the serious consequences of driving while impaired."

The STOP-DWI Holiday Classic is recognized as one of the premier high school basketball invitational tournaments in the country. The STOP-DWI Holiday Classic will again feature an eight team national division and two four team regional divisions. Teams participating include:

National Division

- Binghamton High School, Binghamton, New York
- Boys and Girls High School, Brooklyn, New York
- Christ the King, Middle Village, New York
- Kings Fork High School, Suffolk, Virginia
- Landstown High School, Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Olney, Maryland
- South Laurel High School, London, Kentucky
- Villa Angela St. Joseph High School, Cleveland, Ohio

Regional Division - Local Teams

- Chenango Forks High School,
- Chenango Valley High School
- Johnson City High School
- Maine Endwell High School
- Norwich High School
- Seton Catholic Central
- Susquehanna Valley High School
- Vestal High School

Those attending the Holiday Classic are reminded to visit the silent auction being held on the Arena concourse from 11am-9pm December 28th & 29th. Merchandise, gift certificates and other items will be up for auction to support the tournament.

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“Broome County’s STOP-DWI Holiday Classic is a much anticipated holiday tradition that delivers an important message through an impressive high school basketball competition,” said Broome County Executive Barbara J. Fiala. “I again want to thank the organizers and sponsors of the Holiday Classic that continue to make this community event possible.”

Watch players display their best skills on Sunday, December 27th at the STOP DWI 3-Point and Slam Dunk Contest which will be held at Binghamton High School located at Main St. Contest action begins at 3:30pm.

Players and teams to note include:

Christ the King: Nationally ranked. Once again identified as a favorite to compete for the CHSAA crown. Four potential Division I players. Omar Calhoun, a 6-foot-4 shooting guard considered to be the best sophomore in New York City.

Boys & Girls High School: Junior Mike Taylor known as “Mr. All Everything” Avg. 19ppg and 7 rebounds.

Landstown: Defending district champions. Three second-team all-district starters Reggie Williams, Julian Norfleet and Darryl Woodmore play an up-tempo offense and dare teams to keep up.

Our Lady of Good Counsel: Nationally ranked. Senior Guard Ben Hazel has committed to attending Princeton University.

King’s Fork High School: Ranked 35th in the nation by ESPN. Class AAA State Champions 2008-2009. Six returning players. Keep an eye on 6’7” Davante Gardner underneath the rim. His teammate Jay Copeland at 6’6” helps the team dominate in the paint.

South Laurel High School: You cannot miss 6’8” Matt St. John who avg. double-doubles: 21ppg and 11rpg.

Villa Angela St. Joseph High School: Ten returning varsity players. The entire team is talented. The next big thing out of Cleveland is freshman Demonte Flannigan at 6’7”.

The STOP-DWI Holiday Classic is a project of the Broome County STOP-DWI Program that promotes an anti-substance abuse and drunk driving message to student athletes. For more information contact James F. May, Broome County STOP-DWI Coordinator, P.O. Box 1766, Binghamton, New York 13902. Phone: 607.778.2056 or Fax: 607.778.2908. www.bcstopdwi.com