

January 20, 2010

Dear Track and Field Coach,

I am the new head track coach at Bishop John J. Snyder High School in Jacksonville, Florida. My predecessor, Dan Brown, was well-known for his many years of contribution to track and field in northeast Florida. Dan coached at Bishop Kenny from 1972 to 1986 and was the early driving force behind the track and field program that has become so well-known today. Coach Brown left Bishop Kenny to pursue a career in law, which took him and his family to Spokane, Washington, for law school at Gonzaga University. Dan also continued to coach track and field in Spokane, with numerous athletes winning at the State Finals.

In 2007, when the Bishop Snyder track and field program was beginning to gain momentum, Dan Brown was instrumental in both the fundraising and design of our new facility, giving us the gift of one of the finest track facilities in the state. Due to Dan Brown's vision, we now have a state-of-the-art facility with broad curves, a rubberized surface and all field events within the track. This facilitates both athlete's times and spectator's experience. As head coach for the past two seasons, Coach Brown laid a foundation at our school that will last for generations. Dan Brown knew the power of track and field as a teaching sport. His primary concern was never State Championships, but rather creating young men and women of character, discipline, and dedication. He often told his coaching staff that his primary focus was "coaching souls," which truly summarizes Dan Brown's coaching emphasis.

Dan passed away August 22, 2009, and even though our time with him was cut short, his impact was larger than any one life is typically permitted. He left a lasting impression on our school through the love he had for the sport, which he selflessly passed on to both his coaching staff and our athletes. Coach Brown always had a vision of a Catholic meet for all of the high schools in the state, which we would like to honor this year.

Please consider joining us on April 9, 2010 for the Dan Brown Catholic Invitational. We look forward to seeing you in April! Any questions, please feel free to email me.

Nathan Stanley  
Head Track and Field Coach  
Bishop Snyder High School  
[nathanstanley@bishopsnyder.org](mailto:nathanstanley@bishopsnyder.org)

# 2010 Dan Brown Florida Catholic High Schools Invitational

April 9, 2010

*\*\*Rubberized Surface\*\**

*\*\*All field events within the track\*\**

*\*\*Timing by Half-Mile Timing\*\**

- Date:** April 9, 2010
- Entry Deadline:** Monday, April 5, 2010, 5:00 PM
- Entry Fee:** \$40 per team of boys, \$40 per team of girls, \$75 for both. Checks payable to Bishop Snyder High School and are due at the Coaches Meeting, before the start of the meet. You can also mail them to the school at the address below.
- Send Checks To:** Bishop John J. Snyder High School  
Attn: Nathan Stanley  
5001 Samaritan Way  
Jacksonville, FL 32210
- Entry List:** Entries must be submitted via [www.flrunners.com](http://www.flrunners.com) by 5:00 PM Monday, April 5. There can be no additions, but you may scratch athletes at the meet.
- Field events and the 4 x 800 will begin promptly at 2:00. All field events will go off at the same time; girls discus and boys shot, followed by boys discus and girls shot, girls long jump (west pit) and boys long jump (west pit) followed by girls and boys triple jump, and pole vault (girls then boys).
- You may enter up to 3 athletes per event, except for the "B" races of the 800 and 1600, which are unlimited entries and unscored. Athletes are limited to 4 events total, including 3 running events. Each athlete will have three attempts for throws and jumps.
- "B" Races for the 800 and 1600 will begin at 2:00 pm, followed by the scored running events, which will go in standard order, girls then boys.
- Time Schedule:** 1:30 - Coaches Meeting-to be held at the Meet Director's tent behind the starting line.  
2:00 - Field Events and 4 x 800.  
3:00 - "B" Races of 800 and 1600  
3:30 - Running events-standard order, girls then boys
- Awards:** Medals will be awarded to the winner in each event, and ribbons will go to places 2 through 8. A team trophy will go to the top team for boys and girls. Scoring will be kept to 8 places: 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1
- Parking:** Parking lots next to the track. Overflow parking on the other side of campus. Bus parking will be parallel along the school buildings.

**Team Areas:** The designated area for teams to set up camp will be the grassy are on the south side of the track, behind the high jump pit.

**Admission:** \$4 Adults / \$2 Students      Full Concessions will be available

**Notes:** *All athletes should stay within the track and field complex. **ANY** athletes found on any other part of campus will be subject to disqualification and asked to leave campus. Coaches thank you in advance for your cooperation.*