



Don Epifano
Head Girls Basketball Coach

Don Epifano is entering his first year as a girl's head coach and twenty-first year in coaching. He began his coaching career at the junior high level at St. Rose Catholic School and moved to NLHS in the late nineties. Don is a graduate of NLHS and was a member of successful football, basketball, and track teams.

Coach Epifano and his wife of thirty-nine years, Susie, have three daughters, Jenny Spicer, Stacy Mox and Nicole Fowler. They also have four grandchildren, Aubri and Andre Spicer, Xavier Mox and Arien Fowler. He is retired from Columbia Gas where he worked for thirty-seven years. He enjoys having the opportunity to work with student-athletes through coaching. Don is a lifelong resident of New Lexington and will continue to help develop the skills needed for student-athletes through his love of basketball.



Jerry Bankes
Eighth Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Jerry taught Language Arts for twenty-two years at both the high School and middle School levels. He retired in 2014. Jerry has coached various sports during his tenure. He is married with three children and six grandchildren.



Tracy Hambel
JV Girls Basketball Coach

Tracy is entering his first year as girls JV Coach and second year as an assistant basketball coach at New Lexington. He is graduate of Morgan High School and is currently working at Buckingham Coal Company. He has two daughters Macy and Sydney.

In coaching the girls he intends to teach respect for each other, teamwork, and sportsmanship. He hopes to convey the necessary skills to be competitive and succeed in basketball. Hambel believes these things on the floor directly influence a person's life out of the gym. He has also coached girls softball in New Lexington for the last four years for the youth softball league.



Anthony Stephens
Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Anthony Stephens is entering his tenth year with New Lexington City School as educator and coach. Anthony began his first year teaching social studies at the seventh grade level, but moved to the high school at the beginning of his second year to teach ninth grade social studies. Anthony is an intervention specialist at New Lexington High School.

Anthony is entering his first year as seventh grade girl's basketball coach for the Lady Panthers. He also served as head girls basketball coach for nine years and head softball coach for four years. During his time coaching at New Lexington High School, Anthony has been blessed with the opportunity to coach tremendous student-athletes and looks forward to the opportunity to keep working with the students at New Lexington High School. Before coming to New Lexington, Anthony spent 5 years as an assistant boys basketball coach at East Guernsey Local Schools. Coach Stephens believes that athletics is an extremely important part of life and believes that participation in athletics helps teach discipline, hard work, teamwork, goal setting, and other positive character attributes.

Coach Stephens attended West Liberty State College, Muskingum University, and Ohio University where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He later received his Masters Degree from Grand Canyon University.

Anthony and his wife Amanda reside in New Lexington, and are blessed with three children. One Daughter, Lydia, and two sons, Isaiah and Elijah who attend the New Lexington City School District.



Jake Stewart
Varsity Girls Assistant Basketball Coach

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