

**Beta Boost**  
**PHS Spotlight Teacher**  
**September 2018**  
**Coach Brandon Thomas**

*Background: I have been teaching social studies and coaching basketball for 18 years. (13 years coaching girls & 5 years coaching boys)*

*Family: My bride Tracey (married 21 years) daughters: Maelee 15, Macey 14, Mckinley 11, Mollie 8*

*Why do I Teach?*

*I guess you could say I was "called" to teach. I currently still enjoy it and when I don't, I'll find something else to do. My main enjoyment comes from encouraging young people through kindness. I want to encourage them to overcome challenges. I want to encourage them, no matter where they are currently, to get where they need to be. The longer I have been a teacher, the more patient and understanding I have become. When I started, I was determined to make all the kids see it and do it my way. Now, I look to help them see it and do it in the way that is most effective for them while pursuing high standards.*

