



Coach Ostanik

Coach Ostanik just completed his 29th year as a basketball coach, this season. During those twenty-nine years as a coach, Coach Ostanik has been a 2A head coach in rural Alaska, an NCAA Division II assistant and head coach and a 3A & 4A head coach here at Monroe Catholic.

Regardless of where Coach O has been, his teams have had great success. Coach O still has the highest winning percentage of any head coach in UAF history, with at least three years of coaching experience. During his 14-year tenure at Monroe, Coach O's teams have amassed a record of 327-71 (.821) and won seven Aurora Conference Championships and four 3A state titles. In fact, the boys' basketball program has been so successful, the Alaska Schools Activities Association determined the Rams would have to play at the 4A level against schools of 1000-2000 students, despite Monroe Catholic having an enrollment of 99 students.

Coach Ostanik is also well known for his abilities to teach the game. Coach O runs the highly successful Alaska Basketball Academy, which coordinates and runs camps throughout Alaska, including the two biggest camps in the state, the Alaska Basketball Academy Boys and Girls Team Camps. Last year, these two camps alone, brought 675 boys and girls, from all across Alaska, to the Matsu Valley.

Coach Ostanik has been married to his lovely wife, Toni, for twenty-seven years. He and his wife have one son, Win, who is 26 years old. They are also the proud parents of their gold retriever, Monroe, their yellow lab, Comet, and a cat named Stella.