

## **Statement from the Matter's**

**Rick and Sherri Matter along with Caity Matter-Henniger would like to thank all the individuals that served on the Building Committee, the Bluffton School Board as well as Administrators, the Bluffton Athletic Boosters Association, those individuals that were involved in the construction of the facility. They also want to acknowledge everyone that volunteered their time or made monetary contributions towards Ricky's Building. The out pouring of support from our community has been tremendous and we are thrilled that this building has been able to be built and paid off in such a short period of time. The entire community should be proud of such of an accomplishment.**

**We believe that this facility will provide the children of the Bluffton school system a means of achieving fitness, personal well being, and teaching them the importance of dedication and hard work to achieve their goals, be it in sports or future endeavors that they will encounter through out their lifetime.**

**We are pleased that this building will serve as a lasting memorial to Ricky and is a first class facility that our school and community can be proud of.**

**Thanks again to all!**

### **Partial List of Accomplishments of Ricky Matter**

Ricky Matter along with his family has given our community much to be proud of and they have led our community by example.

Born to Rick and Sherri Matter on July 19, 1988

Sister- Caity Matter

Grandparents- Paternal- R. Wayne and Janet Matter/ Maternal- Bob and Marilyn Welch

Student- Bluffton High School- Freshman Class of 2007

Honor Student with a perfect 4.0 GPA and member of Latin and Math Clubs

Athletic Accomplishments at Bluffton High School during 2003/2004

Starting Quarterback as a freshman for the Varsity Football Team- Head Coach Dennis Lee

Set numerous passing records as a freshman

Threw for over 2,800 yards on the season

Attempted 371 passes and completing 206 for a 55.5 percent accuracy

Of the top 10 single high passing games for BHS, Ricky set 5

Threw for over 523 yards against Allen East, which is the 5th, most yards during a game in state history.

Named as a Freshman to 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Northwest Conference as Quarterback.

Team finished NWC season at 7-1, with the only conference loss to the eventually State Division 6 Champs- Columbus Grove. Qualified for the OHSAA Playoffs with overall record of 8-3 for the 2003 Season

Freshman on the Varsity Basketball team- Head Coach Chad Shutler. Started and also came from the bench to play valuable minutes.