



Dear 323 Academy & Community,

Over the past year, we have been seeking the Lord, asking for His guidance as we navigate our growing family and the growing academy. It is hard to believe we started this academy 8 years ago when our first daughter was only a year old. Much to our surprise, we have been blessed to announce we find our family expecting baby #4, with the due date being in March 2026 - right in the middle of our next spring season. With this new news, we find it evident that we will not be able to sustain and maintain 323's spring, summer, and winter sessions for 2026 and the current future. We feel that God is calling myself (Allison) to turn all of my attention, effort, and focus to raising our 4 children at this time. While we normally wouldn't announce this news so soon in the pregnancy, we wanted to be transparent with tryouts approaching, what we have decided, and give you ample time to process what this could mean for your daughter.

Here at the academy, we have always valued family, faith, and excellence. We strived to offer an athletic program that not only grew athletes in the game of volleyball, but came alongside parents who wished to invest in church and family time. As our family has grown, we found ourselves struggling to uphold this core value and not protecting the same belief for our own home. We have decided to hit pause on the academy for 2026. We will evaluate 2027 once the baby arrives, and we adjust to being a family of 6. While this is extremely difficult, and not ideal for the academy, we feel this next step in the journey is necessary.

While we trust the Lord's timing is perfect, we realize that this could create a difficult situation for some of you. Whether you turned a JO team down in the summer, didn't go to JO tryouts, or simply wish not to play JO and feel you have no other option in the area - we want you to know we understand this dilemma and did not wish to put you in a hard volleyball situation. We encourage you to seek out fall tryouts at local JO clubs or search for other academies like ours that you could train with. Even though clubs held summer tryouts for the older age groups - most still have openings and opportunities in the fall. It would be worth the phone call if you wish to play.

We appreciate all of your prayers, support, and understanding as we focus inward in this season. We will be praying for each of you as you navigate your off season options. Thank you for an incredible 8 years of volleyball ministry. We will cherish it forever.

Warmly,  
Allison & Heath Clark