

## **2009 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic National Division Teams Fair Well In Regional and State Playoffs**

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Many of the 2009 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Tournament National Division Basketball Team were very successful in their regional and state playoffs.

The NYS Federation Class AA championship game was a repeat of December's STOP-DWI Holiday Classic championship game as it featured NYC powers Christ The King, the State Catholic High School champion, versus Boys and Girls High School, the New York City Public High School Champion. Once again Christ The King prevailed, winning the State Federation title. Christ The King finished the season 26-5, while Boys and Girls posted a 28-5 record.

In Maryland, Our Lady of Good Counsel won the highly competitive Washington (DC) Catholic Athletic Conference posting a 28-6 record along the way.

In Virginia, Kings Fork High School won the Southeastern District Class AAA Championship and reached the quarterfinals of the Virginia State Championship. The Bulldogs finished the season ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the State with a 24-3 record.

Meanwhile, Landstown High School of Virginia Beach won the Beach District Class AAA Championship and finished ranked 16 in the state with a 20-3 record.

In Kentucky, South Laurel High School won their District Title but lost in the State Quarterfinals. The Cardinals finished the season 20-12.

And in Ohio, Villa Angela St. Joseph High School lost in the district championship game to Cleveland Central Catholic, the 2009 Ohio State Champions. However, the Vikings' DeMonte Flannigan, a 6'7" forward was named first team All-Ohio in Division III.

The STOP-DWI Holiday Classic is recognized as one of the premier high school boys holiday tournaments in the United States. The event is a project of the Broome County STOP-DWI Program and serves to promote an anti-substance abuse and healthy lifestyle message to student athletes and the community. The tournament is held each year from December 27-30. 2010's event will mark the 19<sup>th</sup> year of this holiday tradition in Greater Binghamton.

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