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Hello Bethlehem Families!

As our fall sports seasons draw to a close, we begin to look ahead to the upcoming basketball seasons. If you are receiving this letter your child indicated in school that they have interest in playing on a team this year. I wanted to let you know the various opportunities available this year and the requirements for your child to participate.

Opportunities

- Boys "B" Basketball - Coaches Eric Sowatsky and Louis Hook. All 5th and 6th grade boys are eligible to play. 7th grade boys may choose to play on either the B or A Team, with the coaches' approval. Practices begin Tuesday, October 24 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Games begin on November 7 and end Friday, December 15.
- Girls "B" Basketball - Coaches Ginny Sowatsky and Jamie Zecman. 6th and 7th grade girls are eligible. Practices begin Monday, October 23 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Games begin on November 7 and end Friday, December 15.
- Boys "A" Basketball – Coaches Gary Weiss and Mike Denno. All 8th grade boys are eligible. 7th grade boys may choose to play on either the A or B Team, with the coaches' approval. Practices will begin in early December. Games begin January 10 and end with the league tournament February 15 -17.
- Girls "A" Basketball – Coach Ginny Sowatsky with assistant to be determined. 6th through 8th grade girls are eligible. Practices will begin late December or early January. Games begin January 11 and end with the league tournament February 16 -17.
- Boys "C" Basketball – Coach Louis Hook with assistant to be determined. All 3rd through 5th grade boys are eligible. Practices will begin early January and with all games on Saturday mornings from late January through mid-March.
- Girls "C" Basketball – Coaches are still being determined. All 4th and 5th grade girls are eligible. 3rd grade girls may be asked to play depending on numbers. Practices will begin in January and with all games on Saturday mornings from late January through mid-March.



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PLEASE NOTE: All 7th and 8th Grade Boys interested in playing basketball are encouraged to attend an open gym on Monday, October 23 from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. All 5th through 8th grade boys should attend the open gym on Tuesday, October 24 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Rosters for the A and B teams will be determined that evening. Due to low numbers in 8th, 6th and 5th grade we will need to pull from 7th and 5th grade to fill our rosters. Any questions please contact Gary Weiss @ 989-293-5336 or Eric Sowatsky @ 989-493-1821.

Requirements to play

Prior to the start of practices

- Completed physical form filled out by doctor including emergency medical information.

Please note all forms and the athletic handbook are available on the school website.

Prior to the first game

- All parents should make every effort to attend the parent meeting. If you are unable to attend please contact the coach to get up to speed on what was missed. Uniforms will not be handed out until a complete physical form is received and a parent has attended the meeting or met with the coach.
- Parents should sign up for two volunteer slots per athlete (one for "C" teams) to help out with home games at Bethlehem. There are many opportunities to collect money at the door, sell concessions, run the clock, keep score or clean up afterward. If parents elect not to volunteer there will be a \$30 participation fee assessed per child.

Parents will be given the website to log in and select volunteer slots when practices begin.

We hope that your child finds athletics to be a rewarding experience. Many life lessons are learned and reinforced on the court. Thank you to all of the coaches and volunteers who make these opportunities available for our kids. May all be done to glorify Him!

If you have any questions please contact me or Dr. Frederick.

Go Chargers!

Eric Sowatsky