

7th & 8th grade boys basketball

Dear Athletes and Families,

The 2021 Basketball season is approaching quickly! We are excited to get started and looking forward to a successful season. This letter is to review some important information for sign-up and the expectations for the season.

Our season starts on **November 2nd**, with practice from 3:15-5:00 pm. Players should meet in the middle school gym. A practice and game schedule will be available after they are finalized. It is important to come to this practice dressed in basketball gear and ready to begin on time. All forms must be turned into the office PRIOR to practice.

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to participate in basketball, all students must:

Sign-up - You will register your child for basketball online through theRschool link. The link is posted on the school website home page. **Sign up will continue through November 9th.** You must update your child's grade to reflect the 21-22 school year. The grade level allows us to give coaches accurate information on their players.

Have a current physical (or alternate year card) on file in the office.

Demonstrate 'Meeting - 3' or 'Approaching - 2' in classroom standards.

PRACTICE:

Practices will begin immediately after school. We will NOT be practicing on Wednesday's. If you need to miss practice, please let your coach know ahead of time. Any player that misses a practice before a game without notice, will not play. If you need to stay after school with a teacher until 4:00, that is excused, but you need to check in with your coach. If you have an INC or a 1 in any class you will be expected to stay after school with that teacher until they have communicated your improvement in the standard.

UNIFORM:

Uniforms will be distributed before the first game.

TRANSPORTATION:

You may ride home with a parent or relative. All coaches will have a form for you to sign prior to leaving with your child. The parent(s) must communicate with the coach if they will be riding home with someone other than them.

PLAYING TIME POLICY (per the handbook)

The athletic program is an integral part of our middle school curriculum. As such, it provides certain opportunities and emphasizes definite aims difficult to duplicate in other middle school activities or in later life. All students are urged to participate according to their interests and abilities. Chilton Middle School follows the accepted Middle School philosophy as related to athletics. We encourage participation over winning, skills over scores, teamwork and character development over limiting access. We feel all students can benefit from the many fine skills and lessons learned in athletic participation. That is why we do not "cut". If an eligible athlete comes out for a sport, they will participate. All coaches retain the right to determine starters, playing time, and participation, based on their observations.

If you have any questions please contact either one of us.

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