

October 29, 2018

Blazers Boys Basketball

Dear Parents:

Basketball season is right around the corner and your son has signed up to play. We would like you to read some preseason information. We will have a short parents meeting at the end of practice (in the commons) on November 12, 2018 at 5:15 pm to answer any questions.

We would like to welcome Providence Academy students to our team this year as we have a co-op in place with them. This year they will be playing on sub-varsity.

We need to have all the players have their **Athletic codes signed, Prevea Health Center cards filled out (front and back), and fees paid before the first day of practice.** All forms and fees (\$75 for NEWLHS and \$100 for PA) are due **Monday, November 12, 2018.** Forms can be downloaded from the newlhs.com website.

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If they played soccer, football or ran cross-country all they will need to do is get their **fee** in. The first day of practice is **November 12.** If there are, any parents that would like to bring breakfast in for the varsity players before school on two-a-day week let me know.

Some of the athletes will also have additional items to purchase. New players need to **buy a practice jersey** that is maroon/white reversible. These shirts are **\$25** and should be purchased before the first practice. They can be purchased from me. Once again, we will be ordering Blazer Basketball jackets for those that would like them. Cost of those will be \$50.

The boys' basketball program will be doing a free-throw a-thon on Saturday, Dec 1, 2018—this **IS** a mandatory practice. The fundraising helps offset costs of the program that not covered by the general budget. I will be handing your son a pledge sheet on the First Day of practice.

Please read the **Parent-Coach Communication** letter located on the website (newlhs.com under the Boys Basketball section). Our philosophy is to have all freshmen play in all of the games, JV's to play in most of the games and at the varsity level we are trying to win every game. I would like to emphasize that all players are members of the team. If you are scoring 20 points a game or sitting on the bench, calling out screens or giving encouragement. All of these players are considered team members. We win as a team and we lose as a team. Please if you have a question or concern for the coach of your program please deal with him directly as much as possible. But please call to set up a meeting; don't confront a coach with a concern, before/after practice or before/after a game. Another coach will sit in with you on your talk. We want your son's experience to be the best that it can be.

We expect the players to be at all the practices. If a player misses a practice or a game for an "unexcused" reason (family vacations, dentist appointments, hunting or others) we will expect them to miss a game for each practice or game they have missed. We understand that these items are important to the family but your son has also given a commitment to be a part of his team, and with that comes responsibilities, please don't let him neglect those. Please help him out by not scheduling appointments or vacations during this time. As I always say "You only have ONE chance to play high school basketball."

Assistant coaches this year will be: JV Coach **Eric Deutsher** and JV2 Coach **Jake Fink.** Coach **Kevin McGuire** will be helping out the program this year.

There has been a lot of information in this letter and I may not have covered all of your questions, feel free to give me a call at school 469-6810 or my cell 920-461-7350. We need your support through this season for it to be a success. Go Blazers!

God's blessings,

Mark W. Meerstein

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1 Corinthians 12:12—"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many they form one body. So it is with Christ."
WE ARE ONE BODY!