

2021-2022 Basketball Season.

Looks like we will be playing some basketball.

The Season will begin on Saturday, December 11. Those games MAY be 7th and 8th grade games only. The Holiday break will be Saturday, December 25th and January 1st.

Our annual league meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10th at St. Mary Visitation Elm Grove. The address is 13150 Juneau Blvd. We will be in the Senior Center. If you "google" the address, it will show the Thrift store, which is in the same parking lot. The Senior Center entrance is the main entrance on the east side of the parking lot. This parking lot is separate from the church or school and right off Juneau Blvd. at the corner of Watertown Plank and Juneau Blvd. Masks are not required by St. Mary's but if you feel vulnerable, wear a mask.

I expect the League to be at 70% capacity this season. I expect that the League will be at 95% capacity for the 2022-2023 season.

There will be a Padre Tournament this year. Site is to be determined. Expectation is that the Tournament will be the last week of February and first two or three weeks in March. Yes, assume you need to play in the Notre Dame "A" Division to be invited to the tournament.

The plan is for the 7th and 8th grade season to be complete by last week of February. 5th and 6th may carry over one week. We make no promises for a 11 or 12 game season. The reason is pretty clear. (Gym capacity and officials.)

By entering teams, the League concludes that the parish or team entry means that the program is in complete compliance with the Archdiocese Protocols for winter sports. Failure to comply with these protocols will develop into disqualification. This is an Arch mandate and not a league rule. Please do not put me in the position to have to inform you that your season is at an end.

Gym availability is in. We want to play all games on Saturdays. We may have an instance that requires a team to play two games on the same day, and if we do this, we intend to have no more than a two hour wait between teams. Where possible we will have the same gym for the double headers, and in some instances may need to use a gym near to the existing gym used. Thus the two hour wait. Sunday games if required - will be minimal.

Both boys and girls games will be played in the mornings and afternoons.

Each gym will make its own local rules concerning the use of masks and number of fans in attendance. Where possible be flexible. If you need to buy a small case of masks, please let me know. The League will cover the costs up to \$35.00.

In general, we do not intend to make up games due to a Covid Incident. They will be marked as "no contests" and we will figure out the records at the end of the season. However, if possible,

and based on gym availability, if any of the canceled games affect determination of 1st or 2nd place in 7th or 8th grade, we MAY try to re-schedule a previously canceled game. We will only try to do this once and we do not intend to get into a merry-go-round with coaches as to dates and times they can play.

For those gyms that will "host", our intent is to play those games at the end of the day so that there is more control as to what teams played when and where they played in case of a Covid Incident. This is our intent but due to the particulars in scheduling, Gary and Cheri may not be able to accomplish this each and every time.

This will be a flex season. We want to play as many games as possible and as safely as possible. The Arch Protocols are the rules and I believe they give some local flexibility for specific gym needs.

If you do not have teams this year, we understand. You are still a League Member.

Also, we have three new schools joining the League this year.: St. Frances Cabrini West Bend, Holy Angels West Bend, and St. Gabriel Hubertus. Our ultimate goal is to have them in a division with M. Falls and St Boniface - not sure how we will do it this year due to team numbers - so be flexible and give us a chance to learn from this year.

I expect a number of team merger requests.. All should be approvable- give me a call and then please follow up with the Arch Paperwork later.

Rosters should be complete and emailed to me by the date of the first games. You can always add a player to your team by calling me and leaving a voice mail, followed up by a roster update with the AD's signature and coach's signature.

We intend to have two trained officials at all games. Remember that our league is a developing ground for new officials - at times we may have a game with one official-if and only if the official feels that he or she can handle the game alone. Remember that the new official may be your son or daughter.

As always if there is a critical question or need, call me and then email me. (262 215 2730)

I look forward to a safe and fun season. It is important for the kids to have an enjoyable year. Coaches remember that if you get carried away and are kicked out of a game for any reason, that by ARCH Rule, and with no appeal, you are out for the next two games - automatically -
Don't do it.

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