



### **Little Panthers Program**

The Little Panther is a co-ed program that is geared towards teaching the young parishioners in first grade thru third grade of MDP or MTC school the proper skills and fundamentals to become successful basketball players so that they are ready for CYO competition in fourth grade. **For this program to run smoothly we will need some parent volunteers as coaches for the teams.** If you are a parent coach, then you will not need to pay the fee for your child. If interested in coaching, please email Drew Heinerichs at [Heinera@lmsd.org](mailto:Heinera@lmsd.org)

The program will entail the following:

- A six-week season that will consist of five 45-minute practices, which will occur once a week and a game on the weekends.
- A 6-game schedule that will feature a 4 v 4 format so that there are more touches on the basketball for each Little Panther.
- The teams will consist of 6-8 players so that each Little Panther gets plenty of time on the court.
- Cost is \$150 per athlete.
- The games will be two 14-minute halves and there will be a referee at each game and a scoreboard will be utilized.
- Volunteer coaches will be given the 5 practice plans to utilize with their team.
- Game rules will be supplied to each coach.
- **Practices will be from 6:00-7:00 or 7:00-8:00 at Gulph Elementary School**
- **Practice dates are: 12/ 18/24, 1/8/24, 1/15/24, 1/22/24, and 1/29/24.**
- **Games on the following weekends at MDP gymnasium 12/21 or 12/22, 1/11 or 1/12, 1/18 or 1/19, 1/25 or 1/26, 2/1 or 2/2, and 2/8 or 2/9.**