

Hello SJS Parents,

I am excited to announce that it is time for basketball signups! All students in Grades 3 and above are eligible to play basketball for St. John School. We have both boys and girls teams at three levels (Grade 3/4, Grade 5/6, Grade 7/8). We play in the South Shore Parochial School League (SSPSL) against Catholic schools on South Shore, west of us, and into Boston. Teams will practice once a week and play around 10 games in the regular season. All teams qualify for the SSPSL playoffs, and we also enter most of our teams in the St. John School Tournament in Attleboro. Practices typically start in early November and the season goes until mid-March. Mrs. Novogratz is our Athletic Director this year and will handle all the behind-the-scenes work.

Basketball at St. John School is both fun and competitive. It is for players who are experienced as well as those who have never played before. Everyone is welcome and will grow and have fun. Last year we had our largest number of participants ever and hope to increase that even more this year.

And the best news – we have amazing new uniforms for all players thanks to the Scanlon family. They were delivered last week and look awesome. Everyone will look sharp in the new reversible SJS jerseys.

Please see attached for a sign up. It is due on Tuesday, September 26.

I have two parent opportunities to discuss.

1 – While we have quite a few amazing parent coaches, we are always looking for more. If you have interest in coaching, please let me know. Some basketball knowledge is needed but it is more important that you are enthusiastic and caring with children. Let me know if you are interested or want to chat.

2 – We are searching for people to be Evening Basketball Coordinators for our games (Tuesday and Wednesday nights starting in December). Basically, at every game, we need a parent on duty who is the responsible party for the gym. We are looking to see if there are any people who want to take on a rather large responsibility one day a week. If we cannot find anyone, we will be searching for a coordinator on each team. The responsibilities would include

- Get to gym 30 minutes before game and be prepared to remain 30 minutes after (particularly if last game of evening)
- Obtain someone to run clock/scoreboard
- Set up scoreboard if needed
- Set up chairs if needed (school will try to do this most days)
- Have Referees fill out slip so they can be paid
- Ensure all doors are closed and locked and turn off lights
- Check bathrooms before and after game
- Report any issues to Dr. Flieger as soon as possible

Let me know if you are interested or want to chat. This position would be service hour eligible.

We are looking forward to another amazing basketball season!

Chris