



Christ King Basketball

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TO: Parents of Christ King School and Religious Education Students in the 5th, 6th, 7th and/or 8th Grades

FROM: John Callan, Basketball Coordinator

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SUBJECT: **BASKETBALL REGISTRATION AND PLAYER EVALUATIONS**

It is time to register your children to play basketball for Christ King this upcoming season. You will find all of the necessary forms on the Christ King Athletics website. They are: (1) a Sport Sign-up Form, (2) a Risk Acknowledgement and Consent to Participate Form, (3) a Student Athlete Medical Information and Emergency Consent Form, (4) a Physical Examination Form, (5) a Code of Conduct for Players and Parents form, (6) a Student Athlete Sportsmanship Pledge and (7) a Parent-Guardian Sportsmanship Pledge.

If your child is interested in playing basketball for Christ King this upcoming season, and if you have not done so already, you will need to fill out and return the Sport Sign-up Form, and include a check for \$75 per child payable to “Christ King Athletics” in payment of the participation fee.

If you cannot remember whether you previously registered your child to play basketball for Christ King this upcoming season, and/or whether you paid your \$75 participation fee, contact Membership Coordinator Mary Wagy at pmwagy@att.net or (414) 476-9610, and she will be able to tell you.

If your child is also playing volleyball for Christ King this year, you do **not** need to return the Risk Acknowledgement and Consent to Participate Form, the Student Athlete Medical Information and Emergency Consent Form, the Code of Conduct for Players and Parents form, the Student Athlete Sportsmanship Pledge or the Parent-Guardian Sportsmanship Pledge. You would have already submitted those forms when you registered your child to play volleyball, and they remain in effect for the entire school year. However, if your child is not playing volleyball for Christ King this year, you do need to complete, sign and return the Risk Acknowledgement and Consent to Participate Form, the Student Athlete Medical Information and Emergency Consent Form, the Code of Conduct for Players and Parents form, the Student Athlete Sportsmanship Pledge and the Parent-Guardian Sportsmanship Pledge. Notice that the Code of Conduct for Players and Parents form and the Student Athlete Sportsmanship Pledge require your child's signature as well as your own.

As for the Physical Examination Form, if you have previously submitted a Physical Examination Form based on a doctor's physical examination of your child that was performed on or after April 1, 2010, you do **not** need to submit an updated Physical Examination Form at this time. However, if this will be the first time your child will be participating in a

sport at Christ King, or if the last report on file for your child is based on a doctor's physical examination of your child that was performed before April 1, 2010, you need to have a doctor examine your child, and complete and sign the Physical Examination Form, and then you need to return the Form with your other forms. If you cannot remember the date of your child's last physical examination on file, again contact Mary Wagy and she will be able to tell you.

Registration runs from September 15th to September 30th. During this period, you should drop off your forms and/or check in a specially designated box in the school office, or if it is more convenient, you can drop them off in a box that Mary Wagy will place on the back porch of her home at 2414 North 89th Street. Except in the case of injury or illness, no refunds will be issued after September 30th.

If you are interested in coaching a 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade boys or girls' team, either as a head coach or as an assistant coach, contact me at jcallan1@wi.rr.com or (414) 453-0116 to request an application form. **The deadline for submitting a coaching application is September 10th.**

It is anticipated that the Athletic Committee will select the head coaches the week of September 21st. If you would like to know who the head coaches will be in advance of registering your child to play, you are welcome to contact me the following week, and I will gladly share this information with you. Head coaches will be permitted to select up to two assistant coaches from a pool of approved candidates.

There will be one night of player evaluations for 5th and 6th grade students, and two nights of player evaluations for 7th and 8th grade students. The number of boys and girls' teams we will field for each grade will depend on the number of boys and girls from such grade who sign up.

If there are two or more 5th or 6th grade boys or girls' teams, the boys or girls will be divided in such a manner as to equalize the talent between such teams. However, it is anticipated that the boys and girls who played last year as 5th graders will be assigned to the same teams that they played on last year.

If there are two or more 7th or 8th grade boys or girls' teams, the boys or girls will be divided into A, B and/or C teams according to their talent. To be considered for the A team, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls must attend both nights of player evaluations. If a 7th or 8th grade boy or girl does not wish to be considered for the A team, I ask that one of his or her parents call me and advise me of that fact prior to the first night of player evaluations. However, any 7th or 8th grade boy or girl who does not wish to be considered for the A team will still be expected to attend both nights of player evaluations.

All player evaluations will be held in the Christ King gym. The schedule for player evaluations is as follows:

Monday, November 7th		Tuesday, November 8th		Wednesday, November 9th	
5:00-5:55	8 th grade girls	5:00-5:55	7 th grade girls	5:00-5:55	7 th grade girls
6:00-6:55	5 th grade girls	6:00-6:55	6 th grade girls	6:00-6:55	7 th grade boys
7:00-7:55	5 th grade boys	7:00-7:55	6 th grade boys	7:00-7:55	8 th grade girls
8:00-8:55	8 th grade boys	8:00-8:55	7 th grade boys	8:00-8:55	8 th grade boys

Please mark these dates and times on your calendar as there may not be another notice. If a child quits at any time after the beginning of player evaluations for his or her grade, the Athletic Committee reserves the right to administer various sanctions against the child and/or his or her parents including but not limited to (1) not allowing the student to participate in other sports at Christ King, (2) not allowing the student’s parents to coach at Christ King and (3) imposing a fine on the student’s parents.

For many years, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee prohibited any child from playing on two different teams in the same sport at the same time. However, the Archdiocese changed this rule a couple of years ago. Now, a child may play on both his or her parish team and a non-archdiocesan team in the same sport at the same time, provided that the child’s first priority and commitment is to his or her parish team.

In general, the 5th and 6th grade teams will practice twice each week for one hour and 15 minutes each practice, and the 7th and 8th grade teams (A, B and/or C) will practice twice each week for an hour and a half each practice. As soon as all of the boys or girls in a particular grade have been assigned to a team, the head coach will contact all of his or her players and advise them of the exact days and times their team will be practicing.

Based on past seasons, the boys usually play their league games on Saturday mornings, and the girls usually play their league games on Saturday afternoons. In addition, each 5th and 6th grade team may enter up to three tournaments, and each 7th and 8th grade team may enter up to four tournaments (not counting the Padre Serra Tournament for the 8th grade A teams).

Finally, as a reminder, the Code of Conduct for Players and Parents form states that players are responsible for attending all practices and games, and that parents are responsible for providing or arranging transportation for their children to and from all practices and games. Notice that no distinction is made among teams of different grades, or between A, B and/or C teams within the same grade. This same level of commitment is expected of all players and parents across the board. I respectfully ask that you take your responsibility in this regard seriously, and that you encourage your child to do likewise.

Thank you.