

Dear Girls Basketball Parents and Players,

The 2011-2012 basketball season will be starting in a few weeks. Our first practice will be on Monday, November 14th. I am thankful to have Heidi Reimer return as our assistant coach. We are excited about the opportunities and challenges that face this year's team. As we prepare for the upcoming season, my hope is that your daughter is looking forward to it as much as I am. Please take a few moments to read through this informational letter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to either call me or bring your questions to the Parent Meeting.

Required Parent Meeting – Thursday, November 10th, 5:30pm

We will have our required parent meeting after practice on Thursday, November 10th. We will cover important details regarding our basketball season and share The Oaks vision for Athletics. Please make a point of attending.

First-Week Basketball Practice Schedule

Monday	11/14	3:00-5:00pm	Valley 4 th Gym
Tuesday	11/15	4:30-6:30pm	Valley 4 th Gym
Thursday	11/17	3:00-5:00pm	Valley 4 th Gym
Friday	11/18	3:00-5:00pm	Valley 4 th Gym

Game and Practice Schedule

The schedules will be posted on The Oaks web site by October 31st and will be covered in the Parent Meeting. This season's MCL Basketball Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 10th and 11th at a site to be determined, with first-round tournament games earlier in the week hosted by higher-seeded teams.

Participation Fee

The fee for participant in girls' basketball is \$110.00 and is due in the school office by Friday, November 18th.

Required Medical and Activities Release Forms

Players must have these three (3) forms turned in to the school office before the first practice on Monday, November 14th. The process is fairly straight-forward and user-friendly.

- 1) **Form Locations:** *The required athletics forms are included with all other school forms on the school's "Forms & Information" web page. The steps to download the required athletic forms are as follows:*
 - Open up The Oaks internet homepage – www.theoakscga.org
 - On the bottom of the page under "Family Resources," click the link entitled "Forms & Information" (the "Forms & Information" link may also be accessed via the "Athletics" page)
 - You will be prompted for a username and password. Username is "mighty Oaks"; password is "acorn"
 - At this point, under the heading "Athletic Forms," you will be able to download the Athletic Physical Exam Form, the Extracurricular Activities Release, and the Concussion Form.
- 2) **Online Forms Updates:** *Also on the Forms & Information page, The Oaks keeps an updated list of who has what forms turned in under the heading "Athletic Forms Received." All high school boys who have any of the required three forms turned in will be listed on the High School Boys checklist. So if you are wondering what forms you need to turn in to play basketball, you may look at this checklist and see what we have received. These checklists will typically be updated on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. **You may turn in forms ANY TIME you wish to the SCHOOL OFFICE!***

Personal Gear

- Shoes: Please make sure that your basketball shoes support the ankle. Shoes should not draw undue attention.
- Socks: Socks should cover the ankle so as to protect against shoes rubbing the skin. Socks shall not be higher than crew length (mid-calf). Game socks should be white.
- Sweatbands: Sweatbands may be worn, so long as they remain at the wrist.

Parent Volunteer Support

Being a small school means we need much in the way of parent volunteer support to make things happen. EVERY FAMILY should plan to provide transportation to *at least one* away game.

- Travel Coordination: We need one or two parents to coordinate travel for away games. Please contact Coach Lewis if you are willing to take on this task. We will need to have a volunteer travel coordinator assigned by the end of the Parent Meeting on November 10th.
- Entry/Money table: Families will be assigned these responsibilities for home games. As we do not know your family's schedule, please feel free to trade or find a substitute if you are unable to meet your duties on a given game night. These assignments will be identified with the game schedule handed out at the Parent Meeting.

I am looking forward to our first practice with the ladies and to seeing all the parents at our Parent Meeting on November 10th. If you have any questions concerning the lady's basketball program, feel free to contact me.

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