



Winter Basketball 2009/2010 Newsletter #5

Monday December 7, 2009

Congratulations to Level 8 Salem Swish Boys Team

Congratulations to our Level 8 Salem Swish Team coached by Scott Barchus and Brent Counts. The team includes; Collin, Nick, Arthur, Patrick, Ryan, Ben, Jordan, and Trevor. They completed this weekend by winning their second Tournament in a row.

Tournament This Upcoming Weekend

This weekend we will have Level 8 Boys (Wilson), Level 5 Boys (Newell), and Level 5 Girls (Burks) participating this upcoming weekend. Please remember game times and locations will not be available until Wednesday at 5 pm, so please check your email Wednesday night for complete details.

Uniforms and Practice Gear Update

Uniforms will arrive by Friday this week. If your child is involved in a tournament-taking place this weekend the coach will have the uniform at the game for your child. Practice gear will be arriving early next week. If your child has a reversible jersey please have them wear it to practices this week until this years practice gear arrives.

Salem Swish Sweatshirt and T-Shirt Order Forms

Each coach will have a Sweatshirt and T-Shirt Order Form to send home with your child. You can order sweatshirts, short sleeve t-shirts, and long sleeve t-shirts this year. Feel free to fill it out and send it back to practice with your child. I would like to get all orders in by this Friday if possible.

Blazer Tickets Update

I will have the tickets for the December 15, 2009 Blazer Game this week. I am going to put them in an envelope and send them home with your child on

Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

NO CLASSES TUESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2009 DUE TO BLAZER GAME

All classes will be cancelled on Tuesday December 15, 2009 due to the Blazer Game.

BLAZER GAME-MARYSVILLE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

I am sure many of you have heard about Marysville Elementary School that burned down in Portland, Oregon displacing over 400 students. If not I have attached a link to the story <http://www.kptv.com/news/21634294/detail.html>. Our goal in this program has always been to teach children about basketball and life. December 15, 2009 if you are attending the Blazer Game, I would ask you to donate a school supply to Marysville Elementary School. Please remember, you can donate extra pencils, pens, paper, etc. that you may already have at your home. The Blazers have a donation bin for the elementary school at The Rose Garden, so lets try to help the community fill it to the top. I will begin this process by donating the first \$100 dollars worth of supplies. I hope we all can help; a little bit goes along ways.

Level 3 South River Road Class New Schedule

Beginning in January 2010 after Christmas Break there is going to be an additional Level 3 Class added to the South River Road Gym due to the current size of the class. Coaches and I are going to divide the team in half with Group #1 practicing Monday and Wednesday from 5-6 pm and Group #2 will be practicing Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 pm.

Level 4 (South) Level 5 (South) New Class Times

Beginning in January 2010 after Christmas Break Level 4 (South) is going to practice from 4-5 pm Monday & Wednesday, the coach will add in additional day for a third practice on weekends there are not tournaments or games. Level 5 the start and end time of your practice will be bumped back 30-minutes. So Level 5 will practice Monday and Wednesday from 7-8:30 pm.

Emergency Contact Information Sheet

This week we will also be sending home an Emergency Contact Sheet that we can keep on file for each child in case of an emergency. You will be required to fill this sheet out to help keep your child safe during an emergency.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS

For our new members of the Courthouse Basketball Academy, communication is very important to our program. Beginning Sunday November 8, 2009 you will receive a newsletter via email each Sunday night. Please check your email each

Monday morning. This will help answer questions you may have along with always keeping you updated with upcoming events, tournaments, leagues, schedules, etc. If you are unable to open the word document attachment the newsletter will always be available online on our website at www.basketball.fitfx.com by each Wednesday under the heading NEWS.

UPDATED WEBSITE

Our website is currently updated with such new features as Twitter, FAQ, Mini Picture Gallery, etc. During our season it will be very important to check the website for up to date information. Our website is www.basketball.fitfx.com.

NEW EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Due to the increase in participants I want to make sure communication is maximized. I am going to respond to emails and phone calls twice a day. Once from 11-11:45 am and 3-3:30 pm (Monday-Friday). On Saturday's and Sunday's I will check my emails and voicemails at 11 am, anything received after that will be returned the following day. ***If you have an emergency you can call anytime.*** Therefore I am keeping our website and newsletters updated so please check www.basketball.fitfx.com for answers to your immediate questions. If your child is unable to attend a practice or game please email me before 3:30 pm the day of your child's absence.