

 THE PRAIRIE SCHOOL

September 29, 2017

Dear Middle School Girls' Basketball Families;

Basketball season is just around the corner! This year marks the start of a transition away from the Racine Parochial Athletic League and into the Metro South Girls Basketball League which is based in Franklin, WI. This change will benefit our program over the long-term by providing a better level of competition for our athletes. Our research indicates that the league is well run.

Important Facts:

- On Monday, October 2nd, registered athletes will receive an email from Dori Panthofer in the Athletic Office. Please do not register your daughter more than once.
- Please read the [2017/2018 Concussion Fact Sheet](#).
- All students must have a current Health Physical form on file with the school nurse no later than October 19th.
- A team uniform will be issued to each player that must be returned at the end of the season. This uniform is for game wear only.
- 6th and 8th grade teams will compete in MSGBL. More details appear below.
- 5th and 7th will continue to compete in RPAL.
- 5th and 7th grade teams will play games at area gyms on Saturdays starting on December 2nd. RPAL typically publishes the game schedule within 8 days of the first game.
- Teams will practice after school on Mondays and Thursdays and are contingent on coach availability. Practice schedules are subject to change.
- Upon receiving the game schedule from each league, game schedules will be published on the [Athletic Calendar](#). Families are encouraged to subscribe for email and/or text alerts.
- Parents will be notified of schedule changes (games and practice dates/times) as soon as possible.
- **Register online no later than Thursday, October 19, 2017.** Students are ineligible to participate until the online registration is accepted by the Athletic Office. Late registration may delay your daughter's eligibility to start the season.
- General information, eligibility guidelines and the [online Athletic Team Registration](#) link is available on the [Parent Information](#) tab of the athletics page on the school website. If you need online registration assistance, please contact [Dori Panthofer](#).

6th-Grade MSGBL: Games will all be played at West Milwaukee Intermediate School, starting December 5th. The team will play one game per week over a 10-week schedule. Games will be scheduled either on Tuesday or Thursday evening, with the earliest games starting at 6:00 PM. When 6th-grade games are scheduled on Thursday, coaches will notify families that practice will be moved to either Friday or Saturday.

8th-Grade MSGBL: Games will be played at either Forest Park Middle School in Franklin, or at Greendale Middle School in Greendale, starting November 8th. Due to the early start of the season, the 8th-grade team will begin practices the week of Oct. 30 - Nov. 3. Games will always be played on Wednesday evenings, also over a 10-week schedule, with the earliest games starting at 6:00 PM.

We are excited about this new opportunity for our girls and the program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Coach Mills at amills@prairieschool.com or (262)752-2562.

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