



2019/20 Prairie Boys Basketball

Coaching Staff:

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Program Assistant	Tony Stafford: tonystafford24@gmail.com
Advisor	Dr. Myron Mikaelian

Expectations:

- Practices are considered mandatory. If a player is going to miss, the appropriate coach should be notified.
- Practices are generally 4-6pm to start the season and 4-5:30pm after the new year. Always check the schedule - there are some exceptions.
- Take care of your school work; academics will always come first before basketball at Prairie.

Website/rSchool:

If there are questions regarding scheduling or cancellations, it is always best to check rSchool first. You can access rSchool by going to The Prairie School webpage or bookmarking the link. We do the best we can to try and have final decisions made by 2:00pm on school days.

Vacations:

Please check the schedule and plan accordingly. We play the Saturday after Thanksgiving, right before or right after Christmas depending which team your son is on, and over long winter weekend. JV2 and JV are off December 22 until January 2, and Varsity is off December 28 until January 3.

Concessions/Ticket Takers:

Mrs. Fallico will be sending you details on scheduling and sign-ups. Thank you for helping us out! There are two dates where we will need an "all hands on deck" approach and players to work: February 1st when we host the SWBC Middle School

League from 9:00am to 6:00pm, and February 8th when we host the 3rd annual Wisconsin/Illinois Border Battle from 10:00am-9:00pm.

Parent Role:

During games, cheer on your son and the team. No coaching from the stands - it often conflicts with what the player is being coached to do every day in practice. As coaches, we will challenge your sons and provide honest, constructive feedback. Most importantly, they will know they are cared for beyond basketball and we'll do all we can to make sure they are having fun!



Handbook/Code of Conduct:

The Prairie Handbook is available online, as is the WIAA Code of Conduct. Please familiarize yourself with both and know that if there are issues, there are three potential consequences: TPS, WIAA and Head Coach.

Upcoming Season:

I know the coaching staff is very much looking forward to getting started on November 18. Basketball is a long season covering Thanksgiving, first semester exams, Christmas/Holiday Break, long winter weekend - and if you have a great season, even nearly run into spring break. It is a grind, but an enjoyable one with little breaks built in and a warm place to work hard and have fun away from the bitter cold.

We've had many young men from our program go on to do awesome things after their time at Prairie, both on and off the court. Being a member of the Prairie Basketball Program has become a special thing, and I look forward to this group keeping it that

way. Thank you for trusting us and allowing us to borrow your sons for a couple hours a day this winter. GO HAWKS!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Atanasoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Coach Atanasoff

Ps. hope to see you all this Sunday at Buddy's Sports Grill for the basketball fundraiser!