



**2020/21 Prairie Boys Basketball
Coaching Staff:**

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Expectations:

- Practices are considered mandatory. In the event of an unavoidable absence, please notify the appropriate coach as soon as possible.
- Practices are generally 4-6pm to start the season and 4-5:30pm after the new year.
- Check the schedule for time changes, especially during breaks (Thanksgiving/Winter, etc.)
- Take care of your school work; academics will always come first, before basketball.

Website/rSchool:

For questions related to scheduling or cancellations, please first check the [Athletics Calendar](#) powered by rSchool. The rSchool Athletics Calendar offers a Mobile App, Notify Me (text and email alerts) and desktop access. When using a desktop or laptop, consider booking marking the Athletics Calendar, which can be found on The Prairie School webpage. Final decisions are usually made and entered by 2:00pm on school days.

Vacations:

Please check the schedule and plan accordingly. All teams scrimmage the Saturday after Thanksgiving. All 3 teams play December 19 and 23, and then again January 5. Varsity only plays December 28 and December 30.

Concessions/Ticket Takers:

As of now, the concessions booth is closed. Volunteers are needed to check in spectators in both the Field House and JAC to ensure that only pre-registered spectators are allowed to enter.

Spectators: Currently, spectators are limited to 2 individuals per athlete and coach. The limit may vary by location. Fluctuation in COVID numbers may result in spectator limits throughout the season.

Parent Role:

Please cheer for your son and the entire team.

Please do not coach from the stands - it often conflicts with what they've learned in practice.

The coaching staff works together to challenge your sons. Our goal is to develop skills, foster a love of the game, play to the best of their ability and to have fun. We provide honest, constructive feedback. Your sons are cared for both on and off the court.

**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:

The Boys Basketball season officially begins on November 23. It is an exciting, albeit long, season spanning from Thanksgiving, first semester exams, Christmas/Holiday Break, long winter weekend, and beyond. March is playoff season: Week 1 Regionals, Week 2 Sectionals and Week 3 STATE!

Beyond Basketball:

TPS Boys Basketball members develop confidence, leadership, and self-respect and are very good at setting goals and managing their time. Many of our alumni go on to achieve success both on and off the court. The program and all of its members are very special and I look forward to another unique and great season. Thank you for trusting us and allowing your son's to be a part of this team. GO HAWKS!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Hanoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Coach Atanasoff