

Dear Families and Student Athletes:

Welcome to the 2016-17 season of Kulshan Boys Basketball!

We are excited to get started with another season here at KMS. Supporting our players this year is Head Coach Pete Lupo and Assistant Coaches Joe Wooding, Matt MacLeod and Patrick McCann. Coach Lupo has been coaching middle school sports for 20 years, this being his eighth year as a basketball coach. He also coaches Kulshan football and teaches 6th grade Language Arts. Coach Wooding, 8th grade social studies teacher, comes with years of basketball experience and still plays for exercise and fun. Coaches MacLeod and McCann coached track this past fall and also have a wealth of basketball knowledge. Coach MacLeod may be familiar to Kulshan students as their seventh grade social studies, eighth grade language arts or health teacher. Coach McCann is excited to be part of the Thunderbird Basketball team!



Practice Times and Student Pick-up: Practices begin Nov. 7th and run from 4:00-5:30 PM on school days except early release. This time frame is to be respected, meaning that students will be ready to play at or before 4:00 PM, coaches will have practice wrapped up by 5:30 PM and students will be exit campus and be picked up no later than 5:35 PM so that coaches can debrief and get home to their families.

Games: Our first game is November 22nd (see schedule on back). Games are run in an A/B format for two different divisions by skill level. In the event that there are just enough players for one team come game time, that team will play both games for three quarters maximum. Therefore, a strong player might play three quarters in the A game, but receive no playing time in the B game out of fairness to the other team.

Academic/Behavior Eligibility: Participation in the middle school sports requires successful performance at school, in the classroom and on the court. Parents, guardians and students should monitor progress daily by checking planners to see that assignments are recorded and stamps are earned—up to five stamps per day. Please remember that participating in athletic programs is a privilege which comes with responsibility. Students are expected to demonstrate cooperative behavior and respect towards peers and staff at all times per the BSD Co-Curricular Code of Conduct (Procedure 2150) signed at registration.

Attendance and Absences: Attendance is taken daily. Students are expected to be at practice consistently and on time to develop their individual skill as players and their cohesiveness as a team. If a student must be absent, notify Coach Lupo for 8th graders and Coach Macleod for 7th graders right away. Excused absences include unavoidable circumstances. Unexcused absences may result in loss of playing time. Students must be at school at least half the day on game days in order to play.

A Team Effort: We look forward to making this season a great experience for everyone regardless of familiarity with the game of basketball. We believe that in addition to sharing our passion for basketball as a sport, we are all part of a team when it comes to teaching students lifelong skills of respect, perseverance, and accountability. If you have any questions please feel free to speak with coaches after practice and games, call or email. We are looking forward to teaming with you to ensure a great season!

With Thunderbird Pride,

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KULSHAN BOYS BASKETBALL 2016 -17

First Practice - November 7th

Game #	Date	Schools*	Event/Teams	Time**
1	Tuesday 11/22	KMS @ WMS	7A & 8A	4:30 PM
			7 Blue & 8 Blue	5:15 PM
			7 White & 8 White	6:00 PM
2	Wednesday 11/30	SMS @ KMS	7A & 8A	4:30 PM
			7 White & 8 White	5:15 PM
			7 Blue & 8 Blue	6:00 PM
3	Wednesday 12/7	FMS @ KMS	7A & 8A	4:30 PM
			7 Blue & 8 Blue	5:15 PM
			7 White & 8 White	6:00 PM
4	Wednesday 12/14	WMS @ KMS	7A & 8A	4:30 PM
			7 Blue & 8 Blue	5:15 PM
			7 White & 8 White	6:00 PM
5	Wednesday 1/4/17	KMS @ FMS	7A & 8A	4:30 PM
			7 Blue & 8 Blue	5:15 PM
			7 White & 8 White	6:00 PM
6	Wednesday 1/11	SMS @ KMS	7A & 8A	4:30 PM
			7 White & 8 White	5:15 PM
			7 Blue & 8 Blue	6:00 PM
Tournaments	Tuesday, 1/17	@Fairhaven	8th Grade A Team	4:30 PM
	Tuesday, 1/17	@Kulshan	7th Grade A Team	4:30 PM
	Wednesday, 1/18	@Fairhaven	8th Grade B	4:30 PM
	Wednesday, 1/18	@Kulshan	7th Grade B	4:30 PM
Last Day of Season	Thursday, 1/20	End of Season Event @KMS	<i>Food, fun and <u>turn clean jerseys into coaches</u></i>	4-5:30 PM

*The school in bold letters and **@right** is where the game is being hosted and played.

**Note: Due to time constraints games will only be two 12 min. halves long.