



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2017-18 season of Kulshan Boys Basketball! We are excited to get started with another season here at KMS. Coach Lupo will coach the eighth graders this year and will be assisted by Coach Stafford. Coach Lupo has been coaching middle school sports for more than 20 years, this being his ninth year as a basketball coach. Along with basketball he also coaches football here at Kulshan and teaches 6th grade Language Arts. Coach Jason Sytsma, one of our new Kulshan PE teachers, will be coaching our 7th grade teams this year. Joining We will be joined by Coach McCann who just finished coaching there at Kulshan, and Coach Stafford who comes with a wealth of basketball knowledge.

Practice Times and Student Pick-up: Practices will commence on Nov. 6th and run from 4:00-5:30 PM. We expect that time frame to be respected, meaning students will be ready to play at 4:00 and that coaches will have athletes done with practice at 5:30. Please be sure to pick up your student no later than 5:35 PM.

Games begin November 21st (see calendar). The school district has decided to run games in an A/B format, meaning two different divisions separated by skill level. In the event that we only have enough players for one team, that team will play both games. However, in that case students will be limited to a three quarter 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.

Student Athletes and Academic/Behavior Eligibility: Participation in the middle school sports program requires successful performance in academics as well as behavior. In order to maintain eligibility for participation in basketball games, students must maintain academic progress, as well as attend eight full practices. Parents, guardians and students should monitor progress on a daily basis by checking the student planner to see that assignments are recorded and stamps are earned are so there are no surprises in terms of eligibility come game time. Students are also responsible for informing parent/guardians if they are not eligible for playing at game time. As part of the athletic registration process parent/guardians and students signed a document verifying that they read, understood and agreed with The Bellingham School District Co-Curricular Code of Conduct (Procedure 2150). Please remember that participating in extracurricular activities such as athletics is a privilege. In addition to meeting academic expectations, participants must also demonstrate good citizenship in the school building, classroom, and co-curricular/extra-curricular activity program.

Absences at Practices: Even after meeting eligibility requirements students are expected to be at practice or bring a guardian/teacher note excusing their absence. An unexcused practice will result in the loss of playing time. Within the same guidelines, in order to participate in games or practices, students must be at school at least half the day. Both coaches are committed to showing up at practice with a respectful attitude and expect students do the same.

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. Thank you for your support!

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Games	Date	Schools*	Event	Time
1 <i>Monday</i>	11/20	KMS @ WMS	7 & 8 White	4:30pm
(B TEAMS ONLY – A TEAMS WILL PRACTICE @ KULSHAN)			7 & 8 Blue	5:15pm
1 <i>Tuesday</i>	11/21	KMS @ WMS	7 & 8 Red	4:30pm
			7 & 8 Blue	5:15pm
2 <i>Wednesday</i>	11/29	SMS @ KMS	7 & 8 Red	4:30pm
			7 & 8 Blue	5:15pm
			7 & 8 White	6:00pm
3 <i>Wednesday</i>	12/6	FMS @ KMS	7 & 8 Red	4:30pm
			7 & 8 White	5:15pm
			7 & 8 Blue	6:00pm
4 <i>Monday</i>	12/11	KMS @ WMS	7 & 8 White	4:30pm
(B TEAMS ONLY – A TEAMS WILL PRACTICE AT KULSHAN)			7 & 8 Blue	5:15pm
4 <i>Wednesday</i>	12/13	WMS @ KMS	7 & 8 Red	4:30pm
			7 & 8 White	5:15pm
5 <i>Wednesday</i>	1/3/178	KMS @ FMS	7 & 8 Red	4:30pm
			7 & 8 White	5:15pm
			7 & 8 Blue	6:00pm
6 <i>Wednesday</i>	1/10	SMS @ KMS	7 & 8 Red	4:30pm
			7 & 8 Blue	5:15pm
			7 & 8 White	6:00pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	1/17	Tournament @ Fairhaven	8th Red	4:30pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	1/17	Tournament @ Kulshan	7th Red	4:30pm
<i>Thursday</i>	1/18	Tournament @ Fairhaven	8th Blue/White	4:30pm
<i>Thursday</i>	1/18	Tournament @ Kulshan	7th Blue/White	4:30pm