



John Witherspoon Middle School

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Dear Players/Parents:

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Basketball season is officially underway. As the JW Boys' Basketball Coaches, we would like to take this opportunity to share some information and our philosophies about the middle school basketball program. Tryouts will take place beginning November 30th and will be broken down by grade. Students will be notified after each round of tryouts whether or not they have made the next round of tryouts. The tryout schedule is as follows:

Thursday, November 30 th	8 th Grade Tryouts	3:05 – 4:30 @ JWMS
Friday, December 1 st	6 th and 7 th Grade Tryouts	3:05 – 4:30 @ JWMS
Tuesday, December 5 th	Round 2 Combined Tryouts	3:05 – 4:30 @ JWMS
Wednesday, December 6 th	Round 3 Combined Tryouts	3:05 – 4:30 @ JWMS

Cutting players is a difficult process. We will make every effort to ease the pain of that process with your son should he be cut. In the event your son does not make the team, we would encourage your son to continue to develop his skills by participating in one of the township recreational leagues. If he is a 6th or 7th grader, we would also like to encourage them to try out next year for the team and to participate in our intramural basketball league.

Tryouts will be broken up into two areas of assessment: skill drills and tactical knowledge of the game during real game play. Therefore, we will be looking for proficiencies in the following areas:

- **Fundamentals and Mechanics:** Dribbling, Passing, Shooting, Rebounding, Footwork, Hustle, Movement Without the Ball, Communication
- **Coachability:** Sportsmanship, Listening Skills, Basketball IQ, Commitment, Teamwork

The philosophy of our middle school basketball program is to create a learning environment that develops both skills and fundamentals of the players while fielding a competitive team on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball. As well, it is our goal to serve as an adequate feeder program to the PHS Boys' Basketball Team.

For a complete schedule, please see Coach Rothschild's website or follow him on Twitter for game updates and important messages. Additionally, you can view full schedules and register for updates via RSchoolToday by navigating to the following address: <http://as2.rschooldtoday.com/public/genie/1089/school/2/> which is also easily accessible via the JW Athletics website at <http://www.jwms.rschooldteams.com/> to receive an automated email notification of up to the minute cancelations and schedule changes. If you have any questions please contact us at the email addresses listed below or at (609) 806-4270. We look forward to working with you, and appreciate your continued support as we strive to make John Witherspoon Boys' Basketball a rich learning and productive experience.

Sincerely,

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