**Boys Basketball**

**Middle School Athletic Philosophy:**

The cornerstones of the Cherry Creek School District middle level athletic program are inclusion/participation for all (no cut policy), skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We believe in healthy competition but winning is not our main objective-participation is. We believe winning is the natural result of students doing their very best in practices and games in a cooperative effort. Success lies not in being the best, but in doing one’s best. We expect our teams to grow and develop an attitude that reflects Falcon Creek C.O.R.E Values.

**Important Dates for 8th Grade:**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Time** | **Location** |
| Tuesday 9/24/24 | \*First Practice | 3:55-4:40 PM | FCMS Large Gym |
| Monday 10/7/24 | Home Game | 4:00-7:00 | VS Liberty |
| Wednesday 10/9/24 | Away Game | 4:00-7:00 | @Horizon |
| Thursday 10/10/24 | Home Game | 4:00-7:00 | VS Campus |
| Wednesday 10/23/24 | Away Game | 4:00-7:00 | @West |
| Tuesday 10/29/24 | Home Game | 4:00-7:00 | VS Liberty |
| Thursday 11/7/24 | Home Game | 4:00-7:00 | VS Prairie |
| Tuesday 11/12/24 | Away Game | 4:00-7:00 | @ Infinity |
| Thursday 11/14/24 | Home Game | 4:00-7:00 | VS Fox Ridge |

**Important Dates for 7th Grade:**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Time** | **Location** |
| Wednesday 9/23/24 | \*First Practice | 3:55-4:40 PM | FCMS Small Gym |
| Monday 10/7/24 | Away Game | 4:00-7:00 | @Liberty |
| Wednesday 10/9/24 | Home Game | 4:00-7:00 | VS Horizon |
| Thursday 10/10/24 | Away Game | 4:00-7:00 | @Campus |
| Wednesday 10/23/24 | Home Game | 4:00-7:00 | VS West |

**Important Dates for 6th Grade:**

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| Date | Event | Time | Location |
| Thursday 10/24/24 | \*First Practice | 3:55-4:40 | FCMS Small Gym |
| Tuesday 11/5/24 | Away Game | 4:00-7:00 | @Liberty |
| Thursday 11/7/24 | Away Game | 4:00-7:00 | @Prairie |
| Tuesday 11/12/24 | Home Game | 4:00-7:00 | VS Infinity |
| Thursday 11/14/24 | Away Game | 4:00-7:00 | @ Fox Ridge |

\*Practices are Monday – Thursday every week

**Cost:**

* Fee - 8th Grade = $60; 7th and 6th grade = $30
* Uniform -No cost to students
  + Athletes will borrow and return a school-owned uniform.
* Scholarships are available
  + Please complete a CCSD Scholarship/Fee Waiver Request Form and attach necessary paperwork.

**Eligibility:**

To participate in practices and/or games, athletes must be in attendance at school a minimum of half of the given school day (minimum of 4 hours.). In order to participate in a game, athletes must have attended a minimum of five practices.

**Uniforms/Equipment:**

* Required
  + T-shirt + shorts recommended for Practice. Uniforms used during Games
  + Soft-soled athletic shoes or basketball shoes
* Additional
  + Water bottle

**Practice:**

* Monday - Thursday from 3:55-4:40
* Students may access the locker room between 3:45-3:55 pm to change clothes.
  + Students not dressed appropriately will not be allowed to practice.
  + Students should take their belongings with them to the Gym since hallways will be closed after school.
* Students should be dressed out and in the Gym by 3:55 pm.
* Practice includes stretching, running, and conditioning activities combined with individual skill development.
* Students missing practice should notify their coach ahead of time when possible. Students should bring a note from their parent/teacher to excuse an absence. Unexcused absences may result in limited or no participation in the next game.
* Students are expected to show Falcon Creek C.O.R.E. Values and honor our Athletic Code of Conduct. Violations may result in consequences including suspension from participating in athletics.
* **Late bus transportation is provided. The late bus departs at 4:50 pm.**
* Students not riding a bus should be picked up by 4:50 pm in front of the school or should walk home directly after practice.
* Away Games - Transportation
  + Buses are provided to and from all away games. If the athlete plans to ride home from an away game with their parent/guardian or designee that adult MUST sign them out with their coach.
  + If riding home with a person other than a parent/guardian or designee noted on the following page, students must present their coach with a dated note signed by a parent at least 24 hours before the game
  + If sign-out procedures are not followed, the athlete may be suspended from the next game.
  + Students are to be picked up within 15 minutes after the conclusion of home games (approximately 6:40 pm) or return of buses from away games (approximately 6:40 pm)

***Please complete* both the Emergency and Code of Conduct forms *of the following page including parent & student signatures and return or email a signed copy to the coaches below by October 6, 2024. Students may not participate without completed paperwork and payment.***

**Thanks,**

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