



SMITH KNIGHTS BASKETBALL

7th Boys 2019-2020



Congratulations on your selection to the 7th grade Smith Knight Boys Basketball Team for the upcoming season!

Below are some 'things' that I'd like to share with you about Smith Knights Basketball.

- 1. Faith, Family, and School come before basketball.**
- 2. In order to participate, student/athletes must have a current physical on file with the AD, as well as a 'pay to participate' obligation met (see below).**
- 3. You cannot be playing 'games' for another basketball team during the season (MHSAA rule...exception ruling for certain # of contests).**
- 4. Practices will be held every day after school till 5:00 unless otherwise noted in the Calendar (attached).**
- 5. Student/athletes are expected to be on time and attend all practices to completion. If a student/athlete misses a practice he should return the next day with a parent note explaining their absence (unless absent from school). Please be aware that we cannot keep a spot 'open' when you are absent. An unexcused absence will result in loss of present standing. Two unexcused absences may result in dismissal from team. Unexcused absences are defined by coach/A.D. Please contact me if there are any schedule conflicts as we plan practices and games for 100% participation.**
- 6. Emphasis at practice will be placed on fundamentals, conditioning, developing a 'team' concept and competing to the best of our ability. Everyone will play in the 1st half unless there is an academic/behavioral issue. 2nd half playing time is usually 1's v 1's with subs.**
- 7. Student/athletes must remain eligible (academics/behavior) and follow the districts code of conduct to be able to participate.**
- 8. The student/athlete will be issued a practice jersey, game jersey (reversible), and game shorts (reversible) for the season. They should bring their own combination lock to secure their 'stuff'. They are financially responsible for any lost or damaged equipment. Please wear black, yellow, white or gray to practice for we are the KNIGHTS! 😊**
- 9. As part of the Smith Basketball team the boys are expected to carry themselves as 'young men' as they represent both the Team and Smith Middle School. I'm asking that the boys dress in slacks (no jeans) and a collared shirt on game days ~ Focus**
- 10. Letters and certificates will be awarded at the end of the season to those who successfully complete the season.**
- 11. Please visit the Troy School District website/Smith Middle School Website for 'Pay to Participate' information and to make payment (online). Student/athletes will not be allowed to participate in games until payment is made. Contact main office w/Q's - 823.4730**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 248.823.4735 or by email DLosey@troy.k12.mi.us. I look forward to meeting everyone at our parent meeting (see calendar),

Go Knights, Duane Losey

ALWAYS YOUR BEST!