

Parents,

Welcome to the 2023 St. Aloysius Lions basketball team. Our coaches are very excited about the upcoming season. I am sure we will have another successful season but please remember that success is not just the final score on the board but also the relationships made and the commitment/hard work put into the season.

Please make sure you have submitted your [medical history form](#) and registration which can both be found on the [athletics website](#).

I understand there will be times throughout the season when you have concerns, and I want to make sure everyone understands the proper way to address them. For basketball, the CSAA has a mandatory play rule which states that every player must play a full unsubstituted quarter during the game. I have also encouraged equal playing time when applicable. If there are concerns due to playing time you should address the issue with the coaching staff first but not directly after a game. If you feel your concern is not addressed properly, please contact me at [athletics@aloysius.org](mailto:athletics@aloysius.org) instead of the school directly.

Introducing the first ever St. Aloysius Basketball Fastbreak Club. This club is free and will be open to all parents, grandparents, etc. whose children are currently playing basketball. The purpose of this club is to coordinate with the other parents and the Athletic Director on any needed items/ideas to better support our athletes. For example: they would coordinate concession/gate workers, possible basketball tournaments and any other ideas/opportunities in the future. If you are interested in joining the Fastbreak Club please fill out the [form](#). I really do want to know your input as we all want to improve the enjoyment and experience of our athletes.

At the bottom of this page is the schedule for our upcoming clinics/tryouts. For those not familiar, for our 3rd-5th grade teams we hold a clinic to assess the team for them to be placed. Our goal is to have all teams as equal as can be but understand that is easier said than done. The clinic will last approximately 1 hour and after that we may have the boys try on uniforms to get their sizes. Parents are welcome to stay for the clinic.

For 6th-8th we will hold mandatory tryouts and a decision will be made based on those present at the tryouts. It is strongly encouraged that your child attend both tryout dates for us to make the best decision. Each tryout will last approximately 1.5 hours. Please drop your child off on time and come back to pick up on time. You will not be allowed to stay in the gym during the tryout. We will use all information gathered from both tryout dates and I will make the final decision on the team rosters.

Practice times will be determined by the coaches' availability as well as gym availability. I will not receive the schedule of games until a few weeks before the regular season begins. Having said that, the 6-8th jamborees are tentatively scheduled for December 13th - 15th. Regular season games for 3-5th are tentatively scheduled for the week of December the 4th through February the 11th. Regular season games for 6-8th are tentatively scheduled for the week of January the 3rd through March the 3rd.

**3rd Grade Clinic: Monday 10/30 @5-6**

**4th Grade Clinic: Thursday 11/2 @5-6**

**5th Grade Clinic: Monday 10/30 @6:30-7:30**

**6th Grade Tryout: Monday 10/23 and Thursday 10/26 @4:30-6:00**

**7th Grade Tryout: Monday 10/23 and Thursday 10/26 @6:00-7:30**

**8th Grade Tryout: Monday 10/23 and Thursday 10/26 @7:30-8:45**

GO LIONS!

Eric Burton  
Athletic Director