

BURRELL BOYS BASKETBALL

2017-2018 Season Information



Dear Parents:

Welcome to another season of Bucs Basketball! We are excited to get the season started, and hope you and your son are excited as well! For many of you who have older players in the program, things will remain very similar to what they were last season. However, for those of you who are involved for the first time, here are some important pieces of information.

Our Program –

There are five teams that make up the Burrell Basketball Program, not including the teams in our youth program. There are two teams in the middle school - 7th grade and 8th grade, a 9th grade team, and the Varsity and JV teams. As is the case in most programs, the Varsity and JV teams are the main focus. Kids coming through the program are rewarded for their hard work, with each additional year they are in the program. The goal is to develop players from the youth level, on up through and into the JV and Varsity programs. As you may know, the costs to support the top level of the program are more than the costs to support lower levels. To provide the support that the entire program requires, we need a team effort from everyone.

Game Schedules –

- The 7th and 8th grade teams will play the same schedule and travel together to away games. Usually the 7th grade plays first, followed by the 8th grade. However, that order can be switched sometimes. Also, the games will start as soon as both teams and the referees are ready. You may want to arrive a little earlier than the stated game time, if you want to see the whole game. Times and locations will be on the schedule.
- The 9th grade team plays their own schedule. Times and locations will be on the schedule.
- The JV and Varsity travel together and play the same schedule. Times and locations will be on the schedule.

Fundraising –

No one likes to sell things, and we do try to be as sensitive as we can about the amount of fundraising we ask parents to do. However, until another way is figured out to raise the funds necessary for the program, we need to do something. We will discuss fundraising options at our next booster meeting on Dec. 6th.

Booster Meetings –

We hope you will plan to attend our meetings, which are scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of each month, in the BHS Library. Those dates are Dec. 6th and 20th, Jan. 3rd and 17th, and Feb. 7th. The booster group is only as strong as the parent's commitment to it. We welcome your opinions and input on ways to do things, so being at the booster meetings is your way to communicate with us. Please make an effort to be involved!

Team Parents –

Team parents are necessary for each team in our program. There can also be more than one team parent per team. We ask team parents to attend all booster meetings, so they can inform their team about important events and information. Team parents in the past have also arranged to provide hoagies or other snacks for the boys when they return from away games on the bus. This is not a requirement, but organizing it is nice for the boys, who are often hungry after their game.

Volunteering –

All parents are asked to volunteer at least one time during the season in our concession stand during a JV or Varsity game. JV games are played first, followed by the varsity game. We will have a concession stand chairperson, who will set up a way for people to volunteer. Once we have that in place, you will be notified that you can sign up to help. It is only for a few hours, and if everyone takes their turn, it means that everyone only needs to do it one time.

If you don't like to be in the concession stand, we also need people to volunteer to sell 50/50 tickets. You can choose this option to fulfill your volunteer requirement as well.

Year End Banquet –

Each season, the boosters hold a banquet, as a way to end the season with everyone together. The banquet is held at the Marconi Club in Leechburg. The boosters also provide a gift for each player, as a way to thank the boys for participating in the program. There will be more information about the banquet, once we have finalized the date and time.

The season will go by quickly, and we hope that we will help to make the basketball program a fun experience for both you and your son. Enjoy the times you get to watch them, as they learn the game of basketball, as well as some important life lessons along the way.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Mike Okopal, President

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