

CRUSADER "FUEL BASKETBALL" (3RD-6TH GRADE)

Parents,

I wanted to get basketball information out early so everyone had time to get ready for the upcoming basketball season for our 3rd-6th graders. ☺ I am the director for our youth basketball league called "**FUEL**" that also involves 8 other schools. This league has been created to better meet the needs for all of our kids and help them grow in their confidence and skills

Goals of the Fuel League:

1. Provide positive opportunities for athletes of all skill levels.
2. If there are enough kids for two teams, then two teams will be created. These teams will then compete with other kids at similar experience levels for confidence and to reduce injuries.
3. There are two divisions in the FUEL league (Blue and Black). Depending on how teams compete in the jamboree, the teams will be bracketed in one of those divisions to give kids the most positive playing experience.
4. This format allows ALL athletes to experience the joy of understanding the game at their experience level.
5. If two teams are needed, the goal is to put athletes on a team where they will play and touch the ball. Playing is how kids get better! Therefore, if there are enough kids for 2 teams, evaluations are done.
6. In the FUEL league, all games will have at least one adult referee on the floor!
7. As always, no cuts will ever occur! All kids will be placed on a team where they can improve and grow!
8. When there is only enough kids for one team, then all that will need to be decided is whether the blue division or black division is the best fit for this team.

Cost of league is \$60. Each player will need to wear a reversible jersey. Many of our kids already have jerseys they **re-use each year.** *A donation program has been set up and some jerseys are available for families that may need assistance.* For families that need to purchase a jersey or want to purchase one, the cost is \$20-\$25 with tax.

Time frame: Season begins around the 1st week of November through the end of February. (Games start in January)

Jamboree is December 1st: Double headers games take place on **Saturdays: Jan 5, 12, 26, Feb 2, 9, 23**

If a close is in close proximity, one or two week night games is possible depending on division.

Please cut at the dotted line below and **return** the information below **with a \$60 check made out to TBS.**

If you are interested in purchasing a reversible jersey (if donated one is not available), this will be figured out later.

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Player's Name _____ Parents/Guardian's Names _____

Grade _____ Parent Email: _____ Contact # _____

Does your child's jersey fit from last year? _____ If your child needs a jersey, what size jersey? _____

If a donated jersey is available, would you like one? _____

Would you be interested in helping coach in any capacity? _____