

Orioles Boys' Basketball



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Dear Sophomore Parents and athletes:

The purpose of this letter is to inform all parents and athletes about the tryouts for the **Osseo Senior High 10th grade boys basketball program**. This is a time of high emotions and tension for parents, players, and coaches. The tryout period will last 3 days and be held at Osseo Senior High.

November 24th - 1st day of tryouts 4:30-6:30

November 25th - 2nd day of tryouts 4:30-6:30 (some cuts will be made this day)

November 26th - Final day of tryouts 3:00-5:00 (final selection of team is made this day)

Each practice session will last about 2 hours. The sophomore team will be made up of the top 10-12 players. Some players might be cut depending on the number of players trying out for the team. Playing basketball in high school is a privilege and not a right. Many factors enter into the decision of whether or not to keep or release a player. Some of the following reasons may help you to understand our decision that will be made on November 25th or November 26th:

1. How good is the player at the fundamentals of basketball regarding shooting, dribbling, passing, etc.?
2. How good is the player in a team concept?
3. What is or has been the commitment of the player to the program? For example: Has he worked hard during the off-season? Has he worked hard in the weight room? What did he do to improve himself in open gyms?
4. What is the depth at your position? For Example: Even though he may be a good guard, there may be four other people ahead of him at that position. Also a larger player may be taken who is not as skilled as the guard, but may be retained because the team is lacking numbers at the forward and center positions.

From a coach's point of view, I cannot think of anything worse than to tell a young athlete that he can no longer be a part of a high school team. This is absolutely the worst part of the coach's season. Again, I would like to thank you for your cooperation in letting your son tryout and if there are any questions or would like to have a conference, I will be available at 391-8500. Please call and we will set up a conference. Thank you for your understanding.

***To be eligible for tryouts, you MUST be registered and cleared in the High School Athletic Office and have a physical on file with them. Please take care of all paper work before tryouts begin.**

***This form needs to be turned before the first day of tryouts**

Sincerely,

Andy Sawatzke
Sophomore Head Coach

We have read the basketball tryout information and understand the expectations!
Please sign and return back to Athletic Office

(Player Signature)

(Parents Signature)