

# Orioles Boys' Basketball



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Dear Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to inform all parents about the tryouts for the Osseo Senior High 9<sup>th</sup> grade boy's 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 23<sup>rd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> day of tryouts 4:30-6:30**

**November 24<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> day of tryouts 4:30-6:30 (some cuts will be made this day)**

**November 25<sup>th</sup> - Final day of tryouts 4:30-6:30 (final selection of team is made this day)**

Each practice session will last about 2 hours. The 9<sup>th</sup> team will be made up of 8-10 players on A squad and 8-10 players on the B team. 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 24<sup>th</sup> or November 25<sup>th</sup> :

5. How good is the player at the fundamentals of basketball regarding shooting, dribbling, passing, etc.?
6. How good is the player in a team concept?
7. 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?
8. 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 ext. 32269. 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. Osseo High School won't cash the participation fee checks until after tryouts so we can return checks to families who have a student cut.**

Sincerely,

Keenan Jones  
9<sup>th</sup> grade A coach

Ben Hallman  
9<sup>th</sup> grade B coach

We have read the basketball tryout information and understand the expectations!  
Please sign and return back to Athletic Office before the first day of tryouts.

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(Player Signature)

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(Parents Signature)