

Orioles Boys' Basketball



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Dear 9th Grade Parents and Athletes:

The purpose of this letter is to inform all parents about the tryouts for the **Osseo Senior High 9th 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 4:30-7:00

November 25th - 2nd day of tryouts 4:30- 7:00 (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 9th 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 25th or November 26th :

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. 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 during or before Captains' practice week.**

Sincerely,

Tim Theisen
Varsity head coach

Neil Swanson
JV coach

Cullen DeVries
Varsity Assistant

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

(Player Signature)

(Parents Signature)