

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball 2023-24 Season**

To Parents of Boys' Basketball Participants:

Thank you for allowing your child to play basketball this year. We look forward to meeting you, the parents, and our team. We are extremely excited about helping your child expand his understanding of the game of basketball! As their coach, our first emphasis will be on fundamentals. We will work with your child to further develop their fundamental skills and hopefully we will have a lot of FUN learning together.

We would ask that each child is respectful. Respectful to us, fellow players, opponents, officials, and those they come in contact with throughout the season. We believe it is important to develop an early understanding of sportsmanship and teamwork. Our focus is to teach your child how to develop their skills and have fun playing the game of basketball. I hope that you also share this philosophy and will discuss and emphasize these concepts with your child throughout the season.

#### **Practice and Game Schedule**

The practice and game schedules will be available on the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District website at [www.bisparks.org](http://www.bisparks.org). We will also be in need of parent volunteers to assist in running the game clock during games. If you would be willing to do this at any game, please let coach know.

#### **Cancellations**

If a cancellation of a practice is necessary, the coach will do their best to contact you as soon as they learn of the cancellation or change. Please confirm that the coach has a phone number that is best to reach you at. **In case of inclement weather, a decision to play or cancel will be made for all teams.** The alert bar on the BPRD website and BPRD Facebook page will notify players and coaches of cancellations. Also, if school is let out early or canceled due to bad weather, there will be no practice.

Assistant Coach Needed: **We are in need of parent volunteers to be an Assistant Coach for your child's team. If you would be willing to do this, please let the coach know ASAP.**

We are looking forward to a great season, and we thank you for allowing us to coach your child.

Sincerely,

Youth Basketball Coach

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District