

## **SMA BASKETBALL HANDBOOK 2019**

Parents and Players, Welcome back to all of our returning families and welcome to the program to our new families. Listed below are some of the basic guidelines of our program. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE that there may be changes to the schedule and each team/coach may have additional policies of their own. At the moment, we do not know the status of the youth dances; therefore, there may be a change in fundraising from year's past. As soon as we find out that information, it will be relayed to you.

Note: Pre-JV refers to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, JV refers to 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade while Varsity refers to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Changes for 2019:**

- Registration fee will be paid online. Volunteer and Equipment checks are due when tryouts begin in November.
- Red Clay has increased their gym use fees; as a result, there has been an increase in our fees. If there are any financial hardships created by this, please contact Mike Pietlock at [pietlock@yahoo.com](mailto:pietlock@yahoo.com).

### **Important Dates:**

- Week of 10/14/19—Registration begins
- Tryouts will begin either the week of 11/4/19 or 11/10/19 depending on completion of Volleyball and Football seasons.
- Registration will stay open until tryouts begin for each grade level, boy/girl, etc.
- Late registrations may be accepted but if not present at tryouts, team placement is entirely dependent upon decision of AD and coaches.
- Basketball runs from November through the end of February.

### **CYM Handbook**

There are different handbooks and rules for the different levels of basketball. We will follow all CYM rules as it relates to practices and playing time. For more information, go to <http://policymanual.cdowcym.org/commentary/athletics/>, and look for the level of basketball your son or daughter will be playing.

Each team/coach may have additional policies as it relates to practice, playing time, etc. and will have a parent meeting to go over them.

### **Parent and Player Conduct:**

Each player's parent will sign a copy of the SMA Parent Code of Conduct. Each Coach will establish specific team rules during August practices and will conduct a short parent meeting to review them. Violations of the SMA Parent Code can result in parents not be allowed to attend practices or games. All players are expected to attend every practice; if a practice is going to be missed, the coach should be notified as soon as possible.

#### **Coach-Parent Communication**

The method of communication (team communication app, email, text chain) will depend on the coach but each head coach is required to communicate practice and game schedule and any changes to the schedule as soon as possible.

### **24-hour rule:**

Games can be tense, exhilarating, and, unfortunately, frustrating experiences for players, parents, and coaches alike. St. Mary's has a 24 hour policy which means that any issues that may arise in relation to playing time or another similar issue should wait until Monday to contact the coach. **PLAY CALLING OR OTHER COACHING DECISIONS (DECLINE/ ACCEPTING A PENALTY, USE OF TIMEOUTS, ETC.) ARE NOT FOR DISCUSSION.** If there is a parent issue, please follow the chain of command and contact the head coach first. If a resolution cannot be reached, contact the Athletic Director.

### **Inclement Weather:**

■ Weather-related cancellations—decision to cancel practice will be made by 4:30pm if weather is a factor. Once practice is cancelled, it will stay cancelled.

- Red Clay may also close their buildings for after school activities; if that is the case, we will cancel also.
- Any day that Red Clay is closed due to weather, we will not hold practices.