



“ GO GIRLS”

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Dear Players, Parents and Guardians,

As our fall season comes to a close our focus turns to winter athletic offerings for middle schoolers. Although we would prefer to field interscholastic basketball teams for both boys and girls our initial inquiries of students in the last three years indicated far less interest among the girls than the boys. This year we have decided to offer a basketball program for boys and girls combined feeling that it is the most equitable way to offer interscholastic sports for everyone. Initial Basketball practices will begin on Monday and Tuesday, November 24-5, from 3:00-4:15.

As an alternative for girls we are very excited to offer once again a program that was new and very well received last year called “Go Girls.” We have set aside our gym every Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:15, starting on December 3rd and culminating on February 13. The offerings will be indoor soccer (3v3 tournaments), volleyball and badminton, as well as other activities.

We are very fortunate to have Noelle Meeke lead this offering. Anyone who knows Noelle as a teacher and coach understands her very strong convictions about team sports and how they naturally teach life lessons. Her objective is to practice basic team sport skills while fostering positive interaction, building self-esteem and confidence, and exposing girls to a variety of sports to promote lifelong interest in sports and recreation.

Noelle would also like to use this medium to discuss very important current athletic topics with the girls. Topics would include the role Title Nine (equal opportunity for women in athletics) has played in the lives of women. The importance of women role models in sports, and how sports can foster greater independence.

What we are requesting in advance for all basketball and “Go Girls” participants is that students and families discuss the students’ participation and commit to a majority of the offered days so that we as coaches can plan accordingly. A permission form has been provided which we would appreciate back by November 21st. This letter and form will also be available on our website. We hope to see your students this winter.

Yours in Health and Fitness,

Peter Hendrick & Noelle Meeke