

Good Shepherd School

Coach's Corner

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New look to Sports Awards Night. Several awards have been added to our annual event while some awards have been modified as we prepare to honor our athletes on Tuesday, May 19, at 7 o'clock sharp in O'Donnell Gym.

The major change is that we will now be presenting medals to those student-athletes whose average participation is at least one sport per season.

For boys, that means participation in at least four sports will earn them a bronze medal while for girls it is three sports (there is no sport offered for girls during the second season, which is when the boys play basketball).

A silver medal will be presented to boys who play five sports and girls who play four, a gold medal to boys who play six and girls who play five, and a platinum medal to boys who play all seven and girls who play at least six.

Add it up and no fewer than 25 athletes will be presented with a medal for exemplary participation.

We believe it is important to emphasize and recognize participation by our student-athletes; that, ultimately, they alone have the ability to earn a medal simply by their active participation.

Accordingly, we are discontinuing the practice of giving out medals to team Most Valuable Players, Christian Athletes and Ram Award winners. The recipients of those awards will receive a certificate.

We are adding a major award this year to our lineup: the first Dan Barnard Memorial Honor Coach of the Year. It will be presented annually, in recognition of Barnard, to the Good Shepherd Catholic School coach who best embodies the philosophies and principles of the Good Shepherd Athletics Program.

The Athletics Department has raised \$1,900 of its \$2,100 budget for the event. Parents who still need to get in their Parent Service Hours by May 15 may receive credit for hours with a donation to the annual event.

For every \$25 donated to Sports Awards Night, parents earn 1 Service Hour.

If you would like to donate, please contact [Coach Greg](#) at 476-1292.

Please check the website regularly for updates to the sports schedules, which are only available online.

On the [Athletics page](#), in addition to schedules, you will find rosters, forms and directions to local venues.

Season coming to a close

Only two events remain this season prior to our annual Sports Awards Night on May 19 at 7 o'clock in O'Donnell Gym.

Today (Tuesday, May 12) the 5-6th grade coed golf team wraps up its season with a 3:30 p.m. match at Casserly Golf Course in Watsonville.

The 7-8th grade coed golf team finishes its season next week when it travels to Casserly for a 3:30 p.m. match on Monday, May 18.

(The league track championships are this Friday, May 15, but we will not be able to attend because our team members are on field trips with the middle school this week.)

The curtain comes down on the school year in athletics with our Sports Awards Night, which will run from 7 o'clock sharp to about 8 p.m.

Coaches, to have results published, please email them to [Coach Greg](#) by 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Please limit length to three paragraphs.

This week's sports schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>
12-May-09	Tuesday	6-8	TRK	Practice	Soquel High	3:00-4:30
12-May-09	Tuesday	5-6	GLF	Match	Casserly Golf Course	3:30-5:15
15-May-09	Friday	6-8	TRK	League finals	San Lorenzo Valley	3:45-6:00
18-May-09	Monday	7-8	GLF	Match	Casserly Golf Course	3:30-5:15
19-May-09	Tuesday	5-8	ALL	Sports Awards Night	O'Donnell Gym	7:00-8:00