

Coach's Corner

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Boys basketball put on hold. Because neither of our two boys basketball teams (5th-6th and 7th-8th grades) has a coach in place, the start of the season has been put on hold indefinitely.

Practice was to begin Wednesday, October 28, but now the official status each team's two practices for next week is "cancelled". If either team — or both — have a coach in place prior to Wednesday, the option of reinstating practice will be visited.

For a coach to be in place, the prospective coach's necessary paperwork must be on file in the school office. It is possible for it to take up to two to three weeks for some paperwork to be processed. The season runs through January 15.

If you're interested, please contact [Coach Greg](#).

More schedule changes. Girls basketball practice for the 7th-8th grade team Friday (October 23) has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled. After a home game Thursday against Kirby, the Rams will next take to the court on Wednesday, October 28, in the annual Holy Cross tournament, which runs through October 30.

The 7th-8th grade football practice scheduled for Thursday (October 22) has been moved back a day to Friday, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Girls volleyball Open Gym will be held on Mondays from November 1 through January 11 for girls in grades 5 through 8.

It will be run by Kate Butler (Good Shepherd Class 2004), who has coached in the girls program since her graduation from here. Times will be announced later.

The deadline to return fall sports uniforms has been pushed back one week to Monday, November 9, as the girls basketball season will now end a week later than originally scheduled. Late fees at the rate of \$1 per item, per school day, begin accruing November 10.

Football players who will be playing coed soccer or boys volleyball should keep their uniforms for those sports.

Uniform bags are on sale in the Athletics Department. We have 7 bags available. The cost is \$30; or \$35 with your child's name embroidered on the bag. Do not include payment with your order. It will be billed to your account.

Thrilling victory for girls

As first wins of the season go, this was one worth writing home about.

Trailing 20-18 late in the fourth quarter and a fifth loss in a row to open the season staring them in the face, the girls on Good Shepherd's 5th-6th grade girls basketball team rallied for a 22-20 win against Green Valley Christian on Tuesday, October 13, in O'Donnell Gym.

It all came down to the final seconds. With the game tied at 20 and the clock nearing 0:00, **Jackie DePedro** drained a shot from just inside the top of the circle with 0.9 seconds to play for a 22-20 lead that sent the crowd into a state of delirium. Green Valley immediately called time out but didn't get off a shot after inbounding the ball.

"You have to give that girl credit," Green Valley Coach Jordan Stidham said of DePedro. "We had the perfect defense for their final play. I told our girls that if they can make a shot from out there, then they've earned it."

The Rams had tied the game at 20 with a little more than a minute to play when **Jordenne Farley** knocked in a shot straight off the backboard from 11 feet while her mother could be heard yelling, "Shoot! Shoot!" from the sidelines.

Farley's mom wasn't the only one yelling, either. "We had an incredible turnout of spectators that cheered them on," said Good Shepherd Coach Jennifer DePedro. "This was easily our most exciting game of the year."

Victoria Yassa scored 10 points in two quarters of playing time for the Rams. In addition to DePedro and Farley, **Mackenzie Donaldson** and **Gina Devencenzi** also scored.

"It was a great job by the girls," Coach DePedro said of the team.

Still basking in the afterglow of its win against Green Valley, Good Shepherd lost 16-9 to Gateway the following day at Circle Church.

"Although we didn't come home with a win this time our girls showed great effort, enthusiasm and team spirit as they cheered on teammate **Maya Drechsler**, who scored her first points of the year," said Coach DePedro.

Drechsler finished with three of the Rams; nine points.

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>
20-Oct-09	Tuesday	7-8	CFB	Green Valley Christian	Good Shepherd	4:00-5:00
20-Oct-09	Tuesday	5-6	GBK	Green Valley Christian	Green Valley Christian	4:00-5:00
21-Oct-09	Wednesday	5-6	CFB	Gateway	San Lorenzo Park	4:15-5:15
22-Oct-09	Thursday	5-6	GBK	Spring Hill	O'Donnell Gym	3:45-4:45
22-Oct-09	Thursday	7-8	GBK	Kirby	O'Donnell Gym	4:45-5:45
23-Oct-09	Friday	5-6	CFB	Practice	Good Shepherd	3:30-5:00
23-Oct-09	Friday	7-8	CFB	Practice	Good Shepherd	4:00-5:30
26-Oct-09	Monday	7-8	CFB	Holy Cross	Good Shepherd	4:00-5:00
26-Oct-09	Monday	5-6	CFB	Holy Cross	Good Shepherd	5:00-6:00
27-Oct-09	Tuesday	5-6	GBK	Salesian	O'Donnell Gym	4:00-5:00
28-Oct-09	Wednesday	5-6	BBK	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	1:00-2:30
28-Oct-09	Wednesday	7-8	BBK	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	2:30-4:00
28-Oct-09	Wednesday	7-8	GBK	Tournament	Holy Cross	TBA
29-Oct-09	Thursday	7-8	BBK	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-5:00
29-Oct-09	Thursday	7-8	GBK	Tournament	Holy Cross	TBA
30-Oct-09	Friday	5-6	BBK	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-5:00
30-Oct-09	Friday	7-8	GBK	Tournament	Holy Cross	TBA