

# Coach's Corner

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**Junior high soccer needs more players.** Only nine students have signed up so far to play on the [7-8th grade coed soccer team](#), which begins practice the week of January 19. Four of the players are in seventh grade and five are in eighth grade.

Realistically, the team needs about five to seven more players to be able to field a team throughout the season. Eleven players take the field at one time.

The [5-6th grade team](#) has 16 players signed up, five from sixth grade and 11 from fifth grade.

For more information, contact Coach Greg by [email](#) or phone (476-1292).

**Schedule change.** Good Shepherd's middle school boys basketball game that was postponed on December 14 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 20, at 5 o'clock at Circle Church.

The game was postponed because the Rams were down to only five players with one of the players home sick. (Good Shepherd has only six players on its roster.)

**Girls volleyball Open Gym** will be held for the final time this school year on Monday, January 11, for two hours, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Open Gym is open to girls in grades 5 through 8.

Kate Butler (Class 2004), who has coached in the Good Shepherd volleyball program for the past four seasons, will be running the Open Gym in her final appearance here this school year. She leaves in late January for college in Santa Barbara and will be around school until then to help out coaches on our other teams.

Practice for the girls season begins the week of January 19; there is no school on January 18, which is a holiday.

**Four teams likely for girls volleyball.** It looks like we are going to be able to field a team for each grade (5-8) in girls volleyball this season.

We have five players signed up for each the [5th-grade team](#) and the [6th-grade team](#), which means another player or two for each team will be enough to get the season started, with hope that more players will sign up once practice begins.

The junior high teams are in a little better shape. There are seven girls signed up for the [7th-grade team](#) and eight signed up for the [8th-grade team](#). Still, it is in the teams' best interest to get their rosters up to nine or 10 players for the season.

The season runs from January 19 through March 11.

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## 5th grade breaks through for first victory of the season

All season, Good Shepherd's 5th grade boys basketball team has played teams with 5th- and 6th-graders because only a couple schools have 5th grade teams. The results? Predictable. Four games, four losses.

But on December 11 the Rams finally got to play a 5th grade team and the result was, well, given the talent in this Class of 2013, predictable. Good Shepherd 33, Holy Cross 19.

Good Shepherd raced to an 8-2 lead by the end of the first quarter and stretched it to 22-3 by halftime.

**Brian Sakoda**, the go-to guy for the Rams all season, delivered again and dropped in four baskets in the first 12 minutes for eight of his team-high 10 points.

**Jake Fidiem**, **Jared Hatcher** and **Diego Bernal** each scored four points to help the Rams take command in the first half. **Chris Copriviza**, sporting longer shorts and a new jersey number, scored the other two points and went on to tally eight more after halftime to tie Sakoda for team-high scoring honors.

Copriviza, a player who never met a shot he didn't like, scored all of Good Shepherd's six points in the third quarter to enable the Rams to take a commanding 28-9 lead into the fourth quarter and it was all over but the shouting for this team coached by **Tommy Castro** (Class of 2006) and JD Oldham.

The win, however, never became a streak. Good Shepherd returned to the court three days later at Circle Church against Gateway's 5th-6th grade team and came out on the short end of a 24-20, which, it bears noting, is the Rams' narrowest loss of the season.

On the scoreboard, the difference was the third quarter, in which Good Shepherd was shut out while Gateway scored five points to take a 19-13 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Rams will get an opportunity to atone for this defeat when they return from Christmas Vacation. The two teams meet January 7, this time in the Rams' house.

**The middle school team** was halfway home to its first win of the season on December 11, sporting a 10-4 halftime lead against Holy Cross.

Then came the second half, which has been a bugaboo all season for Good Shepherd's team of six players; in the first four games this season the Rams have been outscored by a decisive margin after the intermission.

So it was again in the Rams' most-recent foray, much to their chagrin. Holy Cross outscored its host 31-4 in the second half — 15-2 in the third quarter and 16-2 in the fourth — for a 35-14 win.

**RJ Zuniga** scored eight points for Good Shepherd and **Nico Airoidi** added six.

Here are the [5th grade](#) and [middle school](#) schedules.

*Coaches, to have results published, please email them to [Coach Greg](#) by 10 a.m. Wednesdays.*

# *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>
05-Jan-10	Tuesday	5	BBK	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-5:00
06-Jan-10	Wednesday	6-8	BBK	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	3:45-5:15
07-Jan-10	Thursday	5	BBK	Gateway	O'Donnell Gym	4:00-5:00
07-Jan-10	Thursday	6-8	BBK	Gateway	O'Donnell Gym	5:00-6:00
11-Jan-10	Monday	5-8	GVB	Open Gym	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-5:30
13-Jan-10	Wednesday	5	BBK	Spring Hill	O'Donnell Gym	4:00-5:00
13-Jan-10	Wednesday	6-8	BBK	Spring Hill	O'Donnell Gym	5:00-6:00
14-Jan-10	Thursday	5	BBK	Waldorf	O'Donnell Gym	4:00-5:00
14-Jan-10	Thursday	6-8	BBK	Waldorf	O'Donnell Gym	5:00-6:00
20-Jan-10	Wednesday	6-8	BBK	Gateway	Circle Church	5:00-6:00