

Coach's Corner

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HELP! Soccer coach needed. With the start of practice one week away, Good Shepherd's junior high soccer team is suddenly without a coach. **Niko Alarcon** (Class of 2006) was to coach the team but today he had to resign because of a time conflict with spring football practice at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, where the standout senior running back for Soquel High will be playing football in the fall.

If you're interested in coaching the team — or know someone who is — please contact [Coach Greg](#) at your earliest convenience at 476-1292 or by email.

Practice schedules for girls volleyball and coed soccer have been posted to the school [web site](#). Here are the six teams, with a link to all schedules and rosters:

- 8th grade girls volleyball | [Roster](#) | [Schedule/Coach](#)
- 7th grade girls volleyball | [Roster](#) | [Schedule/Coach](#)
- 6th grade girls volleyball | [Roster](#) | [Schedule/Coach](#)
- 5th grade girls volleyball | [Roster](#) | [Schedule/Coach](#)
- 7-8th grade coed soccer | [Roster](#) | [Schedule/Coach](#)
- 5-6th grade coed soccer | [Roster](#) | [Schedule/Coach](#)

If your child is signed up for one or more of these teams but you don't see his/her name on the roster, please contact [Coach Greg](#) at 476-1292 or by email.

The schedules will be updated with the games portion of the season by January 26 and they will be posted to the Athletics page on the school website.

Games begin the latter half of the week of February 1.

More players are still needed for our coed soccer and girls volleyball teams.

While the 5-6th grade soccer team has a healthy roster with 16 players, the Junior High team is still stuck at 9 players. So that we don't have to cancel the Junior High season, we are going to have some of the more-experienced players on the 5-6th team — those players who can compete at a junior high level — join the junior high squad for games until more junior high students join the team. The two teams play on different days, so there will be no conflict with the schedule.

Each of our four girls volleyball teams has at least six players on its team, which is enough to play a match — as long as everyone shows up. In the event a team is short on a given day, arrangements will be made to borrow a player from another team to fill the hole. Fifth and sixth grades will play doubleheaders (usually fifth first and sixth second) so they will borrow from each other. The same system will be used for the two junior high teams.

Still, the best option would be to have more players on each of the four teams. If you would like to join a team, please contact [Coach Greg](#).

5th grade basketball team recovers to beat Gateway

Good Shepherd's 5th grade boys basketball team recovered from a sluggish start to beat Gateway 20-16 on January 7 in O'Donnell Gym.

The Rams (2-4) trailed 6-1 after the first quarter and even though they outscored Gateway in each of the next two quarters, they still found themselves on the short end of a 13-12 score entering the final 6 minutes of regulation.

That's when Good Shepherd made its move. **Jared Hatcher** knocked down a couple of field goals and **Brian Sakoda** drained one, too, for 2 of his game-high 13 points. Add that to a free throw each from **Chris Copriviza** and **Jerome Lumicao** along with a defense that limited Gateway to just one field goal in the fourth quarter and you have the recipe for an impressive come-from-behind victory.

The Rams, who have won two of their past three games, close their season this week with two home games. They play Spring Hill on Wednesday and Waldorf on Thursday, two teams they lost to earlier in the season by respective scores of 42-22 and 30-25.

Middle School boys basketball. One thing you can say about Good Shepherd: The Rams never lose a game for lack of effort. Despite a valiant attempt against Gateway's 8th grade team — the top seed in this month's Holy Cross tournament — they were defeated for the sixth time in six outings this season, 44-20, on January 7 in O'Donnell Gym.

Simply put, Good Shepherd was outmanned. Gateway put seven players into the scoring column; Good Shepherd doesn't even have seven players on its roster.

The Rams got their usual double-figure performance from **RJ Zuniga**, who opened the game with a 3-pointer and finished with a team-high 16 points. After that, there was a lot of effort from this group of great kids but not much to show for it on the scoreboard. If anything, these six students are to be commended for sticking to their commitment this season and taking the court day after day against what so far have been insurmountable odds.

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>
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
19-Jan-10	Tuesday	7	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	2:45-4:15
19-Jan-10	Tuesday	5-6	SOC	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-5:00
19-Jan-10	Tuesday	8	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	4:15-5:45
20-Jan-10	Wednesday	5	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	2:45-4:15
20-Jan-10	Wednesday	6	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	4:15-5:45
20-Jan-10	Wednesday	6-8	BBK	Gateway	Circle Church	5:00-6:00
21-Jan-10	Thursday	7	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	2:45-4:15
21-Jan-10	Thursday	8	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	4:15-5:45
21-Jan-10	Thursday	5-6	SOC	Practice	Good Shepherd	4:15-5:45
22-Jan-10	Friday	6	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	2:45-4:15
22-Jan-10	Friday	7-8	SOC	Practice	Good Shepherd	2:45-4:15
25-Jan-10	Monday	5	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-5:00
25-Jan-10	Monday	7-8	SOC	Practice	Good Shepherd	3:30-5:00
26-Jan-10	Tuesday	8	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	2:45-4:15
26-Jan-10	Tuesday	7	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	4:15-5:45
26-Jan-10	Tuesday	5-6	SOC	Practice	Good Shepherd	4:15-5:45
27-Jan-10	Wednesday	5	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	2:45-4:15
27-Jan-10	Wednesday	7-8	SOC	Practice	Good Shepherd	2:45-4:15
27-Jan-10	Wednesday	6	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	4:15-5:45
28-Jan-10	Thursday	8	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	2:45-4:15
28-Jan-10	Thursday	5-6	SOC	Practice	Good Shepherd	3:30-5:00
28-Jan-10	Thursday	7	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	4:15-5:45

BBK = Boys basketball

SOC = Coed soccer

GVB = Girls volleyball

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29-Jan-10	Friday	5	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	2:45-4:15
29-Jan-10	Friday	7-8	SOC	Practice	Good Shepherd	2:45-4:15
29-Jan-10	Friday	6	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	4:15-5:45
01-Feb-10	Monday	6	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	2:45-4:15
01-Feb-10	Monday	7-8	SOC	Practice	Good Shepherd	3:30-5:00
01-Feb-10	Monday	5	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	4:15-5:45
02-Feb-10	Tuesday	8	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	2:45-4:15
02-Feb-10	Tuesday	5-6	SOC	Practice	Good Shepherd	3:30-5:00
02-Feb-10	Tuesday	7	GVB	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	4:15-5:45