

# Coach's Corner

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**HELP! Soccer coach needed.** Until a soccer coach is in place for the Junior High soccer team, players may practice with the 5th-6th grade team, which, unfortunately, has yet to practice this season because of continuous rain that has rendered the field unplayable.

As long as Lake Good Shepherd — the area where asphalt meets grass on the upper campus and water pools because the field is so saturated it cannot absorb any more water — is here we will not be able to practice. Such is the case for today (January 26).

The next scheduled practice is 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, followed by 3:30 p.m. Thursday and 2:45 p.m. Friday. Please call the Athletics Department (476-1292) or office (476-4000) each morning to find out the status of that day's practice.

If you're interested in coaching the Junior High team — or know someone who is — please contact [Coach Greg](#) as soon as possible at 476-1292 or by email.

**Coed soccer and girls volleyball schedules** have been completed and will be posted to the school [web site](#) by Wednesday, January 27.

There is one change to this week's schedule. The 6th grade volleyball team will practice at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, instead of the originally listed time of 4:15 p.m.

There are two changes to next week's schedule. The 5th and 6th grade volleyball teams will both practice together at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1.

Here are the links 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.

**More players are still needed** for coed soccer and girls volleyball. The Junior High soccer team is down to only 8 players, which is *three* fewer than the 11 that play at one time. The 5th grade girls volleyball team has only six players — the number that play at one time — while the 7th grade team has eight players. The 5-6th soccer team has 17 players while each the 8th and 6th grade teams have nine players.

If you would like to join a team, please contact [Coach Greg](#) at 476-1292 or by email.

## Strong finish to season for boys basketball teams

Does it get any better than this? On the final day of the Good Shepherd's boys basketball season, both teams turned in impressive performances in their wins and all 15 players who suited up for the Rams scored.

The fifth-grade team began the double-header on Monday against Mount Madonna in O'Donnell Gym by extending its winning streak to four games with a 36-7 victory and the Middle School then brought down the curtain on the season with a 35-13 triumph for its second win in three games.

The Rams' 5th grade team finished the year at 5-4 while the Middle School team ended at 2-7.

In the opener, **Brian Sakoda** was on pace for a 48-point game after his 12 points in the first quarter — including a pair of 3-pointers — helped the Rams to a 14-1 lead.

At that point, coaches Tommy Castro (Class of 2006) and JD Oldham shut down Sakoda and had him just play Mr. Assist the rest of the way. He did just that, too, as each of his eight teammates found his way into the scoring column, including **Rafael Rivas** for the first time this season with two points. **Chris Copriviza**, **Jake Fidiam**, **Jerome Lumicao** and **Jared Hatcher** each scored four points and **Noah Kaufmann**, **Joaquin Bernal** and **Diego Bernal** each scored two points.

Good Shepherd led 22-1 at halftime and 28-5 after three quarters.

In the nightcap, the Middle School team turned in easily its best and most-dominating performance of the season as every player who suited up scored in the same game for the first time this season.

**RJ Zuniga** led a balanced scoring effort from the Rams with nine points. **Nico Airoidi** followed with eight points, **Luc Bouchard** and **Christian Bouchard** contributed six points apiece, **Kyle LeBlanc** chipped in with four and **Patrick Pulpan** had two with his first field goal of the season.

Behind six points from Zuniga and a strong rebounding effort from the entire team, Good Shepherd bolted to a 12-2 lead after one quarter of play. The Rams stretched their lead to 20-6 at halftime and they were up 26-13 entering the final quarter.

"It was a great season," said Coach Dan Anderson, whose six players stayed true to their commitment and showed up for every practice and every game. "We made a lot of improvement. We finished with two wins, and that's more than we could have hoped for (at the start of the season)."

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