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Dear parents/guardians,

Following this week's grade ⁷/₈ basketball tryouts we wanted to reach out to all families involved to communicate next steps. Thank you for encouraging your child's participation. We were excited to see the enthusiasm and hope to see a strong season of skill development and teamwork this year!

All students participating in extracurricular athletic programming at Innisfail Middle School will be expected to sign a player contract, outlining basic expectations for behavior both on and off the court. Our school has high expectations for our student athletes as they are not only representatives for our school, but also students whose schoolwork must be a priority. We thank you in advance for supporting us in these conversations.

Fees for competitive teams will be \$85, which will help us cover costs for officials and other miscellaneous expenses that accumulate throughout the season. Any cost for extras that teams choose to take on beyond that will be additional to that basic fee (eg. shirts, photos, etc.) These fees can be paid online through the Student Quick Pay link on the school website.

% Girls: Thank you to Colleen Braithwaite and Paige Greenwood who have volunteered to coach this group. Practices will be Monday and Thursday in Gym 4 from 3:15-4:30 until league play begins. This will likely be adjusted once league play begins as games have historically been on Thursdays.

% Boys: With the high turnout of boys, we are excited to run two teams this season. Please know that there may be some adjustments and movement between these two teams over the next few weeks as teams have a chance to practice together. The goal of both teams will be skill development and putting players in the spot that will give them the best opportunity to build their personal skills.

- Thank you to Lexi Kowalchuk and Lucas Dyer who have volunteered to coach the Competitive team. For the next few weeks, practices will run Tuesday and Wednesday in Gym 4 from 3:15 to 4:30 until league play begins. This will likely be adjusted once league play begins, where games have historically been on Thursdays.
- We are also planning to run a ⁷/₈ boys Skill Building team. Mrs. Chadwick and Mr. Ramos have volunteered to support this team and any students who are not on the competitive team are invited to participate. We are arranging gym space and interested players will receive more information next week.

Once coaches have had the opportunity to work with their teams and develop a routine, you can expect that they will set up a parent meeting with further information. Leagues and details about games will likely come over the next few weeks, with us sharing information as soon as we receive it.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to an excellent season. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Strand or Mr. Stefanek by contacting the main office or using the email contact below.

Sincerely, Mrs. Kirsten Strand (Vice Principal) <u>kstrand@cesd73.ca</u>

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