



F.A.I.T.H. Falcons



“Faithfully Assisting In Teaching Homeschoolers”

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Dear Homeschooling Family,

We will be offering boy's & girl's basketball, this winter, for homeschoolers ages 5+ (by 12/1/19)! We are planning for four teams for both boys and girls – 12U, 14U, Junior Varsity & Varsity and beginning this year, an instructional program for players age 5-9 for boys & girls (more information regarding the instructional program to come soon). All players age 10+ must attend one of our **mandatory** team placement practices; **Thursday, 10/24 – girls age 10-13 from 5-7 p.m. & boys age 10-13 from 7-9 p.m. or Monday, 10/28 – girls age 14+ from 5-7 p.m. & boys age 14+ from 7-9 p.m.** at Hunters Creek Community Church (players 12 & under will likely be placed on 12U). This will help determine which team each player will be placed on (we do not do cuts). Players will be placed on teams at the coaches' discretion based on skill, age and number of registrants, not necessarily grade. Home Games will be played at Hunter's Creek Community Church of Lapeer and Away Games, will be played at the opposing team's court. It will be the responsibility of the players to obtain transportation to all games and practices. We will be competing against private schools, charter schools, as well as other homeschool groups in the area and surrounding areas.

Due to the nature of “competitive” team sports, it is necessary to practice as a team and to learn technique and important rules of play. A practice schedule and game schedule is available on the website at www.faithhomeschool.net on the calendar tab. Our first official practices are scheduled for **Monday, November 4th**. **Practices to be held at two locations in the month of November: Hunters Creek Community Church for JV & Varsity teams and First Baptist Church of Lapeer for 12U & 14U teams.** Practices will be 2-3 times a week in November. Once games begin, we will still continue to practice when games are not scheduled - commitment being 3 times a week, with an occasional 4th day. Games and practices will be in the afternoons and evenings. The season's games will end the end of February. All of our teams will compete at the State Homeschool Tournament in the middle of February. We will conclude the season with a Winter Sports Awards Program, March 5th, where each player will receive a participation certificate and special awards may be given. Our older teams may participate in Regional & National tournaments, based on interest.

We want our teams to feel and look “official” so we will be using team uniforms at all games. All new players will need to purchase a uniform jersey and shorts (if you participated in basketball last year, or if your daughter participated in the 2019 season of volleyball, no uniform purchase is necessary). Uniforms run large. New uniforms will be ordered by the F.A.I.T.H. Sports Program and paid for by the player (\$30 for jersey & \$30 for shorts). The player's jersey will have their last name and number printed on them and will be used for consecutive years of play so keep this in mind when ordering sizes! **BONUS:** These uniforms are reversible, so all teams will have a “home” and “away” uniform (2 uniforms in 1)! Players will keep their uniform and be responsible for laundering between games. A player fee of \$130 will apply for all players.

If you wish to allow your child to participate in the winter, 2019/2020 FAITH Basketball Season, please fill out the online registration form at www.faithhomeschool.net. Regular registration ends **October 15th**. A \$15 late fee will apply if the registration is not received by the 15th of October.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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