



Dear Lake Orion Middle School Girls Basketball Families,

Next season, we will be reshaping our middle school girls basketball program. For the past several years, we have done our best to have six middle school girls basketball teams, with one 7<sup>th</sup> grade team and one 8<sup>th</sup> grade team at each middle school. While our overall middle school girls basketball numbers remain strong, the numbers on the teams at each building fluctuate and do so at a point where it is hard to run a team at all levels and grades each year.

Starting next season, Lake Orion Community Schools will be moving from six teams to four teams. The middle schools will have two 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams and two 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. The coaching staffs will divide the teams as equally as possible. Each grade level will practice together and will then compete separately as the Lake Orion Dragons Green Team or the Lake Orion Dragons White Team.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams will practice at Waldon Middle School. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams will practice at Scripps Middle School. Students needing to get to their practice locations will be shuttled on a bus to their practice location. We currently do this for middle school football, cheer, wrestling and dance. All games will be played at Scripps Middle School.

Our basketball staff is running two camps to help the girls prepare for their season. On August 9<sup>th</sup> there is a one-day Middle School Readiness camp from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. On June 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, there is a Middle School camp that will run from 12 pm-1:30 pm. Both camps will be at the high school gym. Both camps allow the girls a great opportunity to further develop their fundamentals and work with our coaches. You can register through our district website for Enrichment Services. The link for the camps is [https://lakeorion.ce.eleyo.com/search?q=girls+basketball&redirected\\_yet=true](https://lakeorion.ce.eleyo.com/search?q=girls+basketball&redirected_yet=true).

In the past, we have allowed 6<sup>th</sup> graders to play on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team. That will continue on an as needed basis. The first opportunities will go to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. If roster spots are open, then 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be allowed to participate.

Basketball Practice will begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our middle school administration will communicate practice times and shuttle directions to the girls and families. As always, if you have questions feel free to reach out to me. Have a wonderful summer.

Go Dragons,

Christopher Bell  
Athletic Director

Lake Orion Community Schools