

October 2020 NEWSLETTER



WGBA families,

It is so exciting to be getting back on the court. Our travel teams are in their second week of practice, and our recreational teams are being formed and preparing to start up! We have a great group of parents that have volunteered to coach again this year and it should be said THANK YOU! As a Coach myself I know the amount of time and sacrifice it takes to commit to a full season of basketball. The experience we provide our kids in this program can have a wide reaching impact, please keep that in mind while attending games and in conversation with your kids. Encouragement and positivity will go a long ways as the fundamentals and knowledge of the game grows within our kids. As the tournament schedules get loaded and we become aware of other communities spectator rules, we will continually update our families. We may run into tournaments that only allow one spectator per kid, or in some extreme cases virtual streaming only. We will do our best to stay out of those tournaments the best we can but know these things are ever changing. Thank you for being a part of our unbelievable basketball community, I believe we do it best in Minnesota and lets keep it that way! Chad Greenway chadwgba@gmail.com

TEAM OF THE MONTH

Team 4-1 is excited

to play this season!

They are eager to

learn and a

competitive group,

pushing each other at every practice. They have set big goals for

themselves, and are motivated to defend their title as State

Champs. This will be a fun team to watch!



KEY DATES

REC:

- 4th-8th Grade: begins Nov 9
- 9-12th Grade: TBD

WAYZATA CLASSIC TOURNEY

New weekend: Jan 9-10

ROCHESTER TOURNEY

5-8th grade teams will play in Feb

TEAM PHOTOS

Unfortunately, due to COVID, WGBA will not be coordinating team pictures. Teams are encouraged to upload to TeamSnap (Travel) or SportsEngine (Rec) and share pictures throughout the season.

COVID REMINDERS

It takes all of us following our preparedness plan to keep the kids playing this season. Please be respectful and mindful of others so we can make it through the season by following some key steps:

- **Mask up:** indoors and outdoors while waiting for practice or games to begin/end
- **Self-Check:** if you are showing ANY symptoms you need to stay home
- **Social Distance:** refrain from gathering in large groups both inside and outside of buildings
- **Testing/Close Contact Reporting:** players must self-isolate for 14 days

For more information, please visit www.wgba.net and click on "Policies" tab. If you are unsure if your player should attend practice/games please reach out to your coach.

PLYMOUTH CREEK CENTER

We need your help! With our growing community we need more gym space. The demand from all users of our community's gyms is overwhelming. We need your help to ensure Plymouth Creek Center gets a 3rd gym during its just-initiated renovation. Ned Carroll, WGBA Board Member, current Director of High School Rec, and Plymouth City Council Member At-Large, has successfully advocated for community gym space in the expansion project. Currently, the plans have two full sized gyms with room to add a third. The time is right to include the additional gym since the project bids came in \$3-4 million under budget, the City was awarded \$5 million in State bonding money, and it will never be more cost effective than now. Reach out to not only your City Council Member, but the entire Council as well, and tell them you support the additional gym. Don't know who to reach out to? Visit:

<https://www.plymouthmn.gov/departments/city-council/city-council-members>.