

Parents of Potential Lady Pirate Basketball Players,

8th-grade girls Interscholastic basketball tryouts will be held at Barry School the week of November 2nd. Tryouts will begin once the bus from PCMS arrives, and will conclude at 4:45 p.m. Students need to be picked up from Barry at 4:45 p.m., or from PCMS at 5:00 p.m. if they are riding the activity bus to the North Campus. There will be an informational video that will explain what will be needed in order to participate in tryouts. The Interscholastic Basketball season will begin on **Monday, November 2nd with competitive try-outs/ practice. The first round of cuts will be made at the end of practice on Wednesday, November 4th and will be focused on hustle, general basketball skill, and attitude/ coachability. The second round of cuts (if needed) will conclude after the practice on Friday, November 6th and will be based on offensive and defensive skill, teamwork, ability to learn our offense/defense and hustle. The first team practice will be Monday, November 9th.** Our team will be comprised of young ladies that attend both of the district middle schools. One of the expectations that both Coach Petty and I will be looking for are young ladies who are committed to representing the Platte County School District on, as well as off the basketball court. As part of this commitment, here are some of the things for which your scholar-athlete will need to be responsible:

- Attendance at all practices is mandatory, chances will be that if your daughter made the team, someone else did not. It would not be right to take a spot from another athlete if you do not plan on keeping your commitment to the team. *If school is canceled or released early due to weather, we will not have practice.*
- Appropriate grades are a must, we are here first and foremost to be students and learn. Any team member who does not have acceptable grades will not be eligible to participate in games, but will still be required to attend practice, where they will condition and do school work.
- Respectful behavior towards teammates, fellow students, and adults. As was previously stated, your daughter will not only be representing your family but the Platte county family as well. Negative attitudes, bullying, or other inappropriate behavior will result in consequences based upon severity and number of incidents.

#### **Things that will be needed for practice:**

**In order to participate in practice, your daughter will need to have the following done Before October 30. A current physical (completed within the last two calendar years) on the correct form needs to be on file with the Athletics office at the high school. If you**

need to turn in a physical, you may take the form to the front office at PCMS, or Barry and they will make sure the physical form gets to the correct place. Clean shirt, shorts, socks, and appropriate undergarments must be worn to practice every day. High top basketball or athletic shoes that have laces and can be tied up must be worn at all times during practice. Jewelry of any type *will not* be allowed during practice or games as it can present a danger for participants.

**Student pick up information:**

Practice will be held at Barry school, there is an activity bus that will drop off and return players to PCMS. Practice begins after school and ends at 4:45 P.M. Barry students need to be picked up by 5:00, the activity bus will drop off students by 5:00 P.M. at the back entrance of PCMS

We are looking forward to a great, fun-filled season. Please feel free to contact me with any other questions.

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## **Platte County R-3 Schools Athletic/Activity Tryout Process**

The Platte County R-3 School District desires to see students involved in school clubs, co-curricular activities and/or extra-curricular activities to provide a well-rounded educational experience. PCR-3 Schools offer a variety of sports, clubs and activities and encourage all students to participate in areas of interest. Even with a variety of offerings, the District does have certain programs/sports that will implement a tryout process due to limitations in team size. All programs or sport teams that have a team selection tryout will implement the following process.

### PCR-3 Tryout Process

1. Before any tryout begins, coaches/sponsors will host a pre-tryout meeting for all student candidates and their parents/guardians a minimum of one week prior to tryout period.
2. Any program/sport that makes team selection from a tryout process will collect the following information from all candidates prior to the tryout:
  - a. Name and address of student
  - b. Emergency contact information
  - c. Grade of student during tryout period
  - d. Current school the student attends
  - e. Previous school the student attended
  - f. Confirmation of medical clearance to participate (athletic physical examination) when required
    - i. No student is allowed to participate in any athletic tryout at any time without medical clearance per Missouri State High School Activities Association rules
3. The following information will be reviewed at all pre-tryout meetings:
  - a. Date, time and location of tryouts (must be minimum of three days)
  - b. Criteria that will be used to select team members
  - c. Number of team members that will be selected (a general range is acceptable)
  - d. Expectations, requirements and commitment required to tryout as well as to be a member of the team (eligibility, medical release, attendance, behavior and academic expectations, attitude, etc.)
  - e. Schedule and general routine of tryouts
  - f. Clear notification that team selection is based on performance during tryout period. Team selection is not based on summer participation, coaching camps or non-school team performance.
4. Choosing team members is the responsibility of the coaching staff

5. The criteria used to select varsity team members will also be used for all sub-varsity levels of teams and/or programs. Head coaches/sponsors will be involved in sub-varsity team selections to provide assistance to coaches.
6. Each student-athlete will have the opportunity to perform in at least one intrasquad competition, or at least in one game-like situation
7. Each student-athlete will be assessed in these primary areas:
  - a. Overall athletic ability (speed, quickness, endurance, agility)
  - b. Sport specific skills
  - c. Team role contribution (positive and productive contributor to the team, meets team needs based on positions or roles that the participant can fulfill)
8. At the end of the tryout period, the following will be implemented:
  - a. The coaching staff must meet with each candidate individually to review strengths, weaknesses, suggestions for improvement and reason(s) candidate is being selected or not being selected.
  - b. If there are a large number of try-out participants making it impractical to meet with each candidate individually, coaches may provide written performance feedback with a letter inviting those who don't make the team to meet with the coaching staff upon request to review performance results and suggestions for improvement. This option must be pre-approved by the Activities Director before being used. The Activities Director will approve the performance feedback form, letter, and any written documentation that will be provided to candidates and/or parents.
  - c. The coaching staff will discuss alternate options for those individuals who are not selected such as participation in other sports or programs, manager opportunities, or other available student activities/programs.
  - d. A list or roster of team membership will not be publicly posted as the method for communicating team membership selection. However, a final team selection list must be submitted to the Activities Director within two days of completion of tryout period.
9. Team membership data will be collected, documented and kept on file in the Activities Director's Office. Team membership data will include the following: (Annual membership information)
  - a. Name and grade of student
  - b. Address, phone and emergency contact information for student
  - c. Confirmation of physical on file and eligibility requirement compliance
  - d. Identification of what middle school they attend or previously attended