



Parent Meeting 2018-19
"ATHLETICS DO NOT DEFINE, THEY DEVELOP"

1. Winning WILL NOT be the only focus of our program. As a staff we strive to be successful, but the number of wins and losses do not always depict success or failure.
 - i. Our program philosophy incorporates many characteristics needed to be successful in life. Yes, the overall focus is to win, but we will do this the right way. I believe our job as coaches goes far beyond x's and o's. We will also emphasize and teach the team concept. Society has a tendency to focus on individuals and highlights. The coaching staff believes that *"being a part of a team means you are representing something much larger than yourself"*. We strive to represent our team/school in a positive way in the community, the classroom and on the court.
(Page #7 includes Mission statement & Team Motto)
2. Communication- This eliminates 99% of the issues
 - i. Players should already have my cell number. We ask that players contact the coaching staff regarding absences unless unable to. We see this as a way to help prepare them for the responsibilities of adulthood.
 - ii. All information is located on the basketball page from the school website.
<http://lhspantherbasketball.weebly.com/>
 - iii. The website will have links to all schedules, team handbook etc.
 - iv. Practice listed is for all players unless we specify. Also games listed are Varsity/JV unless otherwise noted(excludes tournaments)
 - v. **Facebook/Twitter @ppanthersbball**. If you **DO NOT** want your child's picture posted to social media please let me know
3. Concerns: Communication can be great, but at times it can be destructive instead of constructive(After games). If you still feel strongly the next day contact me to set up a time to talk.
 - i. I will not discuss playing time or strategy.
 - ii. If you have a problem with myself or my assistants, talk to me....not my assistants. I might not always tell you what you want to hear, but I will be honest.

- iii. Practice times are set to start practice. For this reason players should be ready to practice at that time, not be showing up at that time. We will attempt to stick with times, but could run over on occasion (try to inform ahead of time).
 - iv. Rule of thumb be 15 min early (If injured, need taped or have questions come 20- 30 min early or time specified by Athletic Trainer)
 - v. Commitment: We practice around 2 major Holiday's. Split Families, trips etc. which involves making tough choices(unexcused absences)
- 4. Expectations- Each player is guaranteed practice time and during these practices playing time will be earned. If you miss practice, playing time is affected. We focus to put the best team out on the floor, but not at the expense of the rules we have set.
- 5. Quick review of the team rules and expectations.
 - i. Encourage you to look over all rules
 - ii. Expectations of attendance(day after game), unexcused absences, attendance for participation(last 4 hours of the day) Player must contact me
 - iii. Dress Attire- To the game: Collared shirt(button up or polo, dress pants and dress shoes)
 - iv. During the Game: Rule # 7. Only to wear required equipment unless approved by the Athletic Trainer.
 - v. Academic Priority
 - vi. Snow Days
 - vii. Sign outs off Bus- we prefer all players ride to and from game. (Ex. Shorter trip, family, emergency).
 - viii. #9 general behavior which includes online comments made public on social media. Social media has become a hot button issue in athletics.
 - ix. Players are responsible for all equipment. If any item is lost they will be billed for replacement cost of the item. Players will only have 1 uniform this season.
- 6. Closed Practices due to safety(excluding emergencies)
 - i. Safety
 - ii. Disruptions....unintended
- 7. Concessions
 - i. Players will be scheduled to work the concession stand at some point this winter.
 - ii. Litchfield Invitational Tournament Concessions- Non Varsity Players will be scheduled that week to work.

