

St. Charles Parish and School 2018 Basketball Season Wrap Up

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Congratulations to all of our St. Charles student athletes who participated in the 2017-18 basketball season. By all accounts, St. Charles posted another excellent season in the Parkview Parochial League.

Our 5th Grade Girls made tremendous strides during their first season. First year Coaches **Adam Thousand** and **Renee Gehring** had a number of girls playing basketball for the first time. Our girls competed very well in both league and tournament play. The girls gained valuable experience, had tons of fun, and are looking forward to the start of next season.

The 5th Grade Boys team, coached by **Chris Gigot**, **Jon Ingrisano**, and **Kevin Hearden**, enjoyed a fun season. Displaying unselfish play throughout the season, the team showed tremendous improvement by season's end. The boys competed hard and showed solid effort while being wonderful representatives of our school community.

The level 6 Girls team enjoyed another year of success. Coached by **Dave Von Rueden**, **Chelsey Jochman**, and **John Krueger**, the girls finished in the upper half of league play and participated in two tournament championships. The highlight of the season was winning the tournament championship at Holy Apostles. The girls had a great time and look forward to next season.

Coaches **Mike Berendes**, **John Basarich**, and **Josh Nelson** led the charge for our 6th Grade Boys team. The 6th Grade Boys made tremendous strides this year in their goal of executing a fast-paced, high-pressure basketball strategy, while accomplishing their primary goal of becoming a "all for one and one for all" team. Their team concept propelled them to win the championship game in the very competitive St. Mary's Menomonee Falls Tournament.

The 7th Grade Girls Team, coached by **Bob Bortolotti** and **Sara Ladish**, played with great determination, lots of heart and perseverance. Playing with a small roster, the team played competitively in almost all of the league games. They look forward to the 2018-19 Season with great enthusiasm and participating in the Padre Serra Tournament.

Coaches **Paul Prah** and **Sean Flannick** led our 7th Gold Boys team where each of the boys had the opportunity to get maximum playing time. Each player made significant contributions with some scoring their first-ever points and others making free throws for the first time. This season was a great time for these kids to gain valuable experience and enjoy the camaraderie of their classmates outside of the school environment.

Our 7th Boys Black team was coached by **John Solwold**, **Andy Ostrand**, **Keith Schermitzler**, **Bob Lesniak**, and **Jeff Scocir**. The 7th Grade Boys, finishing 11-1 in league play, had a very successful season. They played competitively in their tournaments and showed great improvement during the season. They look forward to next season as they prepare to play in the Padre Serra Tournament.

The Level 8 Boys Gold team, coached by **Joe Schaefer**, had another successful season finishing second in the Parkview Parochial League with a record of 9-3. The season was fun for all of the boys as it was an all-around team effort. The highlight of their season was winning the championship at the St. John Vianney Basketball Tournament and finishing in 3rd Place in two others. This season concludes a fantastic four-year run for Coach Schaefer and his team.

Our 8th Girls Team, coached by **Steve Noack, Chris Robel, Dave Jorgensen**, and **Kevin O'Brien** won the conference championship for the third year in a row with an 11-2 record in the Parkview Parochial League. It came as no surprise as they were given a high seed to the prestigious Padre Serra tournament. They finished in 5th Place in the Padre Serra tournament as the support from both the school and community was electric. **Caitlin O'Brien** was selected to the Padre Serra All -Tournament team. Congratulations to our Level 8 Girls on a great basketball career.

The Level 8 Boys Gold Team was coached by **Dave Von Rueden, Steve Thomas**, and **Dan Taylor**. The team finished in 3rd Place in the Parkview Parochial League and won the championship at the St. Mary's Menomonee Falls Tournament. Like the girls team, the boys were given a higher seed at this year's Padre Serra Invitational Tournament. They advanced to the Elite Eight in the Padre Serra and lost to the eventual tournament champion. **Mason Buss** was selected to the Padre Serra All-Tournament Team. Many thanks to the St. Charles fans for all of their support at the final game at Mount Mary University. Congratulations again to the Level 8 Boys on a great basketball career!