



OCTOBER 15

2021

FALL HARVEST BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT COMING NOVEMBER 11-14 & NOVEMBER 18-21!

- The Fall Harvest Tournament will be in its 13th year! It is one of the biggest athletic fundraisers of the year and the money raised supports ALL AMA sports teams.
 - Up to 32 JV/Varsity Girls & Boys teams from over 20 different catholic and public schools will participate.
 - JV Boys/Girls: November 11-14
 - Varsity Boys & Girls: November 18-21
 - We are asking all sports families to volunteer their time and/or send in donations. A sign-up Genius will be coming out the week of October 18th and will include drink/food donations, concession, admission, score table, and scorebook slots for volunteers.
 - We also hope to have half-time performances by our Little Peps and Little Dribblers.
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AMA STUDENT SECTION NAMING CONTEST ENDS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH!

- Students interested in submitting a name for the contest should turn in their form to their homeroom teacher by 10/15/21.
- The top three names will be selected by Principal Lynch, Principal Krueger, and the AMAAA board the week of 10/18 and each winning submission will receive a \$25 gift card to the place of their choice.
- The AMA students will then vote on the winning name from the top three names and the winner will receive a \$50 gift card to the place of their choice and the honor of having their winning name hanging in the student section of the gym!

FALL SPORTS UPDATES!

- Congratulations to our Girls Volleyball JV and Varsity Blue teams who have made it to the play-offs!
 - Play-off times and dates will be communicated the week of 10/18.
- The Royal cross country teams participated in the Slippery Rock Invitational on Saturday, October 9th facing off against 34 other schools and running clubs including both public schools and catholic schools. The Royals did an amazing job competing against some of the area's top competition. Congratulations to the **Developmental and JV girls teams who combined to finish in third place** in the Elementary School division. Also special congratulations to the following individual award winners: **Jessica Henson, Madison Fellin, Isaiah Laboda, Alex Fellin and Bruce Goodman.**

BOYS / GIRLS BASKETBALL UPDATES

Basketball evaluations for boys and girls for grades 5-8 were completed on Wednesday 10/13. The next steps are:

- Compiling results with evaluators and coaches and forming team rosters.
- Emailing team rosters to families:
 - Boys' rosters were communicated on 10/13 since their evaluations were completed on 10/10.
 - Girls' rosters are due to go out on or before 10/18 since their evaluations were completed on 10/13.
- Assigning coaches to teams:
 - Since most of our coaches have children playing, we typically assign coaches after teams are formed to ensure coaches are aligned with their son/daughter.
 - If there are coaching vacancies for any teams, it will be outlined on the roster email with a request for coaching candidates. Interested candidates must have clearances and can reach out to our Athletic Director, Matt Hazel at matthew.hazel@pittsburghpa.gov
 - Assigning coaches after team formation is standard practice and we can assure you all teams will have coaches assigned before the season begins.
- We will have 17 basketball teams for the 2021-2022 season:
 - Developmental Boys/Girls (grades 3-4): 3 teams each for girls & boys
 - JV Boys/Girls (grades 5-6): 3 teams each for girls & boys
 - Varsity Boys/Girls (grades 7-8): 3 teams for boys and 2 teams for girls
- Team names in each of the divisions will be :
 - Blue
 - White
 - Gold
- We will have use of the OLG gym again this year for practices/games. Most games will be at our AMA gym, but we may need to schedule some Developmental games at OLG when necessary.

COACHES & VOLUNTEERS *STILL* NEEDED!

- Winter Coaches:
 - Girls/Boys Basketball (grades 5-8)
 - Please contact Athletic Director, Matt Hazel @ matthew.hazel@pittsburghpa.gov for more information.
 - Volunteers:
 - Needed for all home games.
 - Team Parent Representative for each team will be sending a Signup Genius for assistance with filling various roles:
 - Admissions, Concessions, Clock, Score Book, Gym/bleacher cleaning after home games
 - If each parent volunteers once, we should be able to cover all of our home games.
 - Please complete your clearances and support AMA athletics!
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REMINDER - FAMILY & GRANDPARENT PASSES ARE AVAILABLE!

- Stop at our admissions table at the next home game and purchase your annual pass with cash or check.
 - \$50 - Family Pass
 - \$30 - Grandparents Pass
- The current admission fees are:
 - \$8.00/family, \$3.00/adult, \$1.00/student. The admission fees help pay for the cost of our referees and can add up quickly with multiple games/matches and/or multiple children playing sports
- The Family Pass covers the parents and children (immediate family only) & the Grand Parents pass covers up to 2 grandparents. If you plan to come and watch your own children or events for other AMA athletes, you might consider a pass -- it can save you money and eliminate the need for cash at every game/match.