



# James M Hill Memorial High School

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2016-17

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Dear Basketball Parents,

CONGRATULATIONS!! We would like to congratulate you for your son's selection to the 2016-17 James M Hill Junior Varsity (JV) basketball team. We are very excited to have you and your son as part of our program. We have every intention to help your son improve as a basketball player, as a student, and as a person. In exchange for our commitment, we hope to have your support for our program. That support comes in various forms:

- **Presence** – we need you to show support during both home and away games
- **Financially** – an athletic fee of \$250 per player is required before a player can receive a uniform or is allowed to play any games. This is to be paid to the office with cash or cheque (post-dated cheques accepted). We apologize for such short notice but only recently became aware of this fee.
- **Fundraising/Volunteering**– it is our hope to fundraise throughout the season and reduce the burden of the athletic fee. It will take a great deal of effort to organize and carry out fundraising activities. We ask that you help volunteer your time to ensure our team runs as smoothly as possible.

Our goal is the same as yours: we want to see your son continue to develop and be successful. Everything we do in this program – practice, fundraising, and competition – is with the intention to improve the quality of the team, both as a whole and the individuals involved.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the season, please contact us. We are looking forward to a great season and we're thrilled that you are going to be a part of it!

**We are inviting all parents to a short meeting on Friday November 25 at 5:00pm at the JMH Gymnasium. At this meeting we will further outline our coaching philosophy and we can discuss important matters such as fees, fundraising, away game travel, and how you might be able to assist the team.**

**If you use email, please email Ryan in order to add you to the team mailing list.**

Sincerely,



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## Coaching Philosophy

- We believe that kids gain confidence and a love for the game through positive feedback from parents, coaches, and other players. Skill level develops at different rates, but effort and having fun can always be achieved. We try to always provide positive feedback for effort.
- We think it's important that a coach takes more than a casual interest in the players. We strive to talk with all the players 1 on 1 at some point during the practices and games. We may not be successful getting to every player each day, but we want them to know that we're interested in what they have to say and more importantly, we want them to know that their coaches like them as a person.
- We believe in trying to make practices as fun and entertaining for the kids as possible, while providing the practice and instruction that they need to improve. We've found that kids expect and respond to well structured and organized practices.
- Teamwork and developing friendships is an important part of any team sport. We always try to tell the kids how important it is for them to support each other and to always be positive towards their teammates.
- Competition is an important element of any sport and as kids grow they naturally become more competitive. We don't talk to the kids about "needing to win a game" or "how important it is that we win". We feel our role and that of the parents is helping the kids develop the ability to deal with competition in a healthy way. Effort and attitude is our focus. If we can achieve that, then chances are we'll win the number of games that we are capable of winning.

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### Tentative Game Schedule

Additional games will be scheduled and communicated to parents and players throughout the season. We will do everything we can to provide as much advance notice as possible.

Time	Date	Home	Away
6:00PM	December 5th	JMH JV	M. Martin
7:00PM	December 9th	JMH JV	Sugarloaf
2:15PM	December 10th	Woodstock JV	JMH JV
4:00PM	December 10th	Woodstock Ex	JMH JV
6:00PM	December 12th	JMH JV	Blackville
6:00PM	December 14th	JMH JV	Bathurst
6:00PM	January 10th	Bathurst	JMH JV
6:00PM	January 16th	M. Martin	JMH JV
6:00PM	January 27th	Sugarloaf	JMH JV
6:00PM	January 30th	Blackville	JMH JV
6:00PM	February 1st	JMH JV	Bathurst

### Game Day Dress Code

Players are required to wear a collared dress shirt and tie on every game day (school days and weekends).



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### Code of Conduct

Players	Parents	Coaches
Follow and play by the rules.	Always encourage kids to play according to the rules following the code of conduct.	Always operate within the code of conduct, rules and fair spirit of our sport and instruct players to do the same.
Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents, coaches and teachers.	Encourage kids to participate, do not force them. Always remember that kids participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.	Be considerate and reasonable in your demands on kids time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that kids participate for pleasure, enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.
Be a good sport. Applaud all skillful plays whether they are made by your team or the competitors.	Be positive on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. Never make negative comments to a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.	Never use negative ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning. Ensure the time kids spend with you as coach is a positive experience. All kids are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
Never argue with a sports official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach positively approach the official.	Always respect the officials decisions and teach kids to do likewise.	Always respect the officials decisions and teach kids to do likewise.
Control your temper at all times. Verbal abuse of officials, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable behaviors.	Reinforce the stance on removing verbal and physical abuse from kids sports games.	Any physical contact with a child should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development or medical care.
Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated.	Remember that kids learn best by watching great role models.	Display control, respect and professionalism. Encourage players to do the same, be a great role model.
Work hard for yourself and your team. Cooperate with your coach and team-mates.	Always show appreciation for volunteer sports coaches, officials and club administrators.	Ensure that sporting equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.	Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.	Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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