

## 7th Grade Team Dissolved Players Merged with 8th Grade

**Due to insufficient turnout of 7th and 8th grade players, and the lack of willing 6th graders to play up, Ms. Johnson has decided that there will be no 7th grade girls' basketball team. Instead, 7th and 8th grade players will combine to form a single 8th grade team.** Per league rules, players are allowed to play up in grade if there aren't enough players to field a team. As it turned out, the 8th grade was running into the same problem of signups as we were.

Mr. William Velasco will continue to be the head coach for 8th grade. I will be assisting him, as will Messrs. Raul Zulueta and Jed Madayag.

I know a number of girls may be disappointed with the news, but basically there was no choice. Practices will follow the 8th grade schedule (Mondays 5-6:30, Wednesdays 5:15-7:15), and girls still wanting to play will be facing 8th grade teams this year. I am confident that they will still be competitive, and the experience may actually benefit us for next year.

Due to the circumstances, Ms. Johnson has said she will have to be more lenient with the uniforms this year, as each grade had already purchased custom uniforms for its players.

### Important Practice Date: 5:15 pm Friday, February 9

All 7th grade players should attend this Friday's practice at 5:15-7:15 in the gym. This will be the first meeting for the combined 7-8th grade team, and an important one. I realize that three of the 7th graders have an NJB practice already scheduled, but it is crucial that you at least make the first part of the Friday practice.

### The Upcoming Week

- **Monday Practice:** 5:00pm-6:30pm (after school) at the gym (8th grade schedule).
- **Wednesday Practice:** 5:15pm-7:15pm at the gym (8th grade schedule).
- **There is no game against St. Peter Martyr on Feb 15 this week.** The mandatory Parent-Teacher meeting will take place on that date.

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### Other News:

- Our first game will be against St. Vincent's 8th grade on Saturday, February 24.