Dear Parents/Guardians,

Basketball season is just around the corner, you can maybe even hear the pounding of the ball on the floor. I'm sorry about the lateness of this note, but school has had some setbacks that we had to deal with first, before having the basketball schedule all figured out. We will probably not be able to use our gym for the remainder of this year, 2011. The childcare is being moved into the gym while their rooms are made up to code. If you have any questions about what that all involves, you may ask Mr. Gut.

I am very happy with the total number of students that we had sign up, not only for basketball, but also for cheerleading. We had a total of 39 students sign up for the winter sports season, Lamb of God, whom we join with for sports, has 20 students. For this year we will be having a C-Boys team, B-Girls team, B-Boys team, A-Girls team, A-Boys team, and a cheerleading squad. We unfortunately will **not** be having a C-Girls team, there are so few girls from Lamb of God and our school in 5th and 6th that we had to go down to 4th grade to field a B-Girls team. The 3rd grade girls that would like to play basketball may still do so. Mr. MacKain, the Athletic Director from Lamb of God, and myself decided that if 3rd grade girls want to play they may do so with the B-Girls, or play with the C-Boys.

Without the use of our gym the practice times and schedules have been jumbled around. C-Boys will be practicing on Mondays, like we had originally planned, but they will be over at Lamb of God, their practice will run from 3:30-5:00. B-Girls and A-Girls will still practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-5:00, both days they will be at Lamb of God. B-Boys and A-Boys will be practicing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Lamb of God. The time on Tuesday will be after the girls' practice 5:00-6:30, Wednesdays they will practice 3:30-5:00. When we get to Advent, however, we will not be able to practice on Wednesdays, but we will have a plan when we get to it. Cheerleading practice will be taking place on Mondays 3:30-5:00. The practices will be taking place in my classroom. There might be a few extra practices scheduled later in the season, but the coaches will inform the girls before that happens.

On the back side of this note is a schedule of all the games. I have some of the games listed as being played at Good Shepherd's, which probably won't happen, they will probably be at Lamb of God, we will let you know shortly. If you have any questions about basketball or cheerleading please do not hesitate to contact me. May God bless the seasons.



Your Servant in Christ, Tim Hochmuth