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NMCS Families,

I hope you are having a great winter season! Even though we have been stuck in our homes with the frigid cold temperatures, it is always great to warm up and join together as a community in the gym to support our Comets.

Our student athletes and coaches are working hard behind the scenes to improve each game and they need your support. We would love to see our fans and community filling up the stands during our upcoming home games. Schedules and news can always be located on our webpage at nmcs.us/athletics.

I have enjoyed following our middle school and youth travel basketball teams. The future of NMCS basketball is bright and the younger grades are certainly excited to be a part of the Comet tradition.

Remember, it is always a great day to a Comet! Further updates can be found below. Go Comets!

Highlights

- Shout out to our high school girls' basketball program! They led the latest youth basketball clinic and did a fantastic job as servant leaders. Our current high school student athletes care greatly about the students underneath them and they are always willing to serve to build the strength of the basketball programs. Coaches DaNay Tossey and Sarah Plugger do a great job supporting all levels of our program on and off the court.
- Our varsity boys' basketball team is 8-3 to start the season with many key matchups still ahead on the calendar. Coaches Rich Bennett, Matt Plugger, Tyler Hoover, and Terry Plugger have the guys playing good basketball and representing well around the region. Ethan Bennett currently leads the Northern Michigan region in rebounds and blocks and is in second for points per game.
- Our middle school girls' basketball season has just begun. Coach Carrie Stahl is ready for the girls to play a very competitive schedule. With a team full of 6th and 7th graders, our Comets will compete against 8th graders the majority of the time. This will help with their development and confidence over the next few years.

Youth Basketball

- Our youth basketball clinic is in progress and during the first day, we were excited to host 23 youth players! That is an exciting number and a testament to our younger generations love for basketball.

Alumni Night

- Our alumni/homecoming basketball games are right around the corner! Join us on Feb. 9th as boys' basketball hosts Ewart at 5:30pm. We will be honoring past alums, hosting a dinner for the DR mission trip, and playing some fun alumni involved games at halftime.

Spring Sports Signup

- The spring sports season will be starting before we know it. We are excited to again offer high school and middle girls' soccer, high school and middle school track and field, and high school golf. To signup to join each program, please follow the link below. The first days of practice can also be found below... ***I urge our student athletes who are not competing in a spring sport to learn more about our track and field program and how that training can help in other sports! Coach Bonnes and Eisenga would love to talk with you.***
 - o Girls high school soccer = March 11
 - o Girls middle school soccer = April 8
 - o High school track and field = March 11
 - o High school boys golf = March 11
- [SPRING SPORTS SIGNUP HERE](#)

Comet Commitment Reminder

- As we go through the motions of the seasons, it is easy to get caught up in the rhythm and emotions of excitement or disappointment. I challenge our community, parents, student athletes, and coaches to stick to our foundation and the Comet Commitment. Pursuing excellence (competing at a high intensity level, win or lose) by pursuing Christ, a healthy team and school culture, and positive community relations. At the end of the day, this is what we can hang our hat on. It separates us from those who crumble when adversity strikes versus those who celebrate the challenge, engage it, and overcome it. As leaders, fans, parents, coaches, and students, we all play a vital role in keeping the Comet Commitment our main focus.

Volunteers Needed

- Multiple volunteer shifts through the end of the winter sports season are still open. If you can help with concessions or tickets, please let me know or please sign up below. We cannot do what we do with the engagement of our volunteers.
- [VOLUNTEER SIGN UP HERE](#)

Thank you for your continued support of Comet Athletics!

Trey Reed

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