LEAVE NO DOUBUS

GOING FOR GOLD!

COVID-19 has not stopped our winter athletics this year. The boys basketball team is bringing their best to the table this year after the pandemic unfortunately ripped their chances of going to state last year. This team is back to send a message to teams all around the state that they are back.

None of the players took any moment on the for granted. Throughout the whole season, the boys feared that their season could be over at anytime. However, the boys focussed on controlling what they could and competed every day. Because of that mindset, the boys basketball team grew stronger. Taylor Pierce (11) felt that the team accomplished a lot throughout the season. He states, "Each one of us has gotten better as the season has gone along. It's made us better as a whole

and we've come together more." All of their hard work certainly paid off.

Coach Aaron Abel worked very hard this year to help prepare his boys for every opponent they faced. He was also able to prepare the players by pushing them to the best of their abilities. On the other end of things, Coach Abel took up even more responsibilities when he became the Athletic Director this year. He says, "It has been a lot of hours working and stressful at times, but overall it has been a blast. Dealing with COVID-19 this year, becoming the new Athletic Director, and coaching the boys basketball team would have to be extremely stressful; however, Coach Abel made the most of it and enjoyed this season of boys basketball.



YOUNG BLOODS



NEXT LEVEL: Owen Page (9) works hard throughout the season, in both games and practices. Page says it's a lot different than middle school. He states, "you are held more accountable at this level." Photo ~ A. Estes





SHOOT YOUR SHOT:

Landen Gilmore (10) and other sophomores improve their skills on the court. Gilmore explains he has gotten better at "being willing to take more open shots." Photo ~ A. Estes

D-UP!: Tyson Swalstad (9) helps defend on the court. Swalstad states, "The most important aspect is to have fun and compete." **Photo** ~ **C. Yule**



ONE TEAM: Taylor Pierce (II) and his teammates have accomplished so much already this year. Pierce states, "We've played super unselfish and have loved watching others succeed." **Photo** ~ **A. Estes**

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TO THE HOOP: Brock Douzenis (10) is one of the younger players on the varsity team. Douzenis has improved many skills. He says, "I have improved shooting and driving." Photo ~ A. Estes



BUILDING THE FUTURE: Marcus
Wiley (12) cheers on junior varsity during a game. Supporting each other is big in the boys basketball programs. Wiley says it's important because "they are the future of the program." Photo ~



HUDDLE UP: Coach Aaron Abel calls a timeout. Abel has a goal for his players to play good defense this year. Abel explains, "We have good offensive sets, but we are trying to focus on defense." **Photo** ~ **C. Yule**

MAKING MEMORIES: Rudy Sanford (12) enjoys getting to know the underclassmen. He says the best part is "getting involved and making friendships." Photo ~ K. Frimml

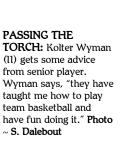






FLOATER: Jorey Anderson (II) takes the ball to the hoop. Anderson sets some personal goals this year. One being, "to become more of an offensive threat." Photo ~ A. Estes

BOARDS: Carter Clark (10) goes in for the rebound. Clark is a younger player and has learned a lot. He says, "I have learned to be a more all-around player." Photo ~ K. Primml





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