



April 23rd, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This Spring Graminia School will be organizing its 15th annual basketball league designed for male and female students in grades 4-6. The purpose of this program is to introduce students to the sport, develop sportsmanship, foster school spirit, and have lots of fun!

As usual our Jr. High students who played for our Senior teams are going to be our coaches, officials, and scorekeepers. We have found that while our grade 4-6 students really benefit from playing, our Jr. High's benefit almost as much from coaching. It's great to see some of our younger students really bond with their coaches and it creates a very positive energy around the school.

Games will begin in the middle of May and will all be played **predominantly** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Games will continue into the second week of June. All games will start right after school, the first one starting by 3:00pm and the second game at 4:00pm. The intention is to finish both games by 5:00pm, so students playing soccer or other activities will be able to do both. A schedule for the entire league will be sent home with your child shortly after all the teams are created. **The cost to run the league will be \$40 per player. If you would like your child to participate, forms must be returned to your homeroom teachers by Monday, May 6th. At that time there will be a \$40 fee attached to your child's powerschool account and this must be paid prior to the first game.** The fee is used to cover player's T-shirts, ref costs, and prize costs. If there is any surplus it will be put into the Hawks Athletics budget and used to support athletic programming at Graminia. If finances are a concern please contact us at the school; we don't want kids to miss out if they want to play.

Additionally...

1. There will be a few lunch practices prior to the start of the season to go over basketball basics.
2. Rules will be "phased in" gradually in the first 3 or 4 games. This will give players and officials something to focus on.
3. We will be playing small court 3-3 this year to start the season. Following this we will transition into full court 5-5.
4. I will do my best to keep students who played last year on the same teams, although there may be a few changes to make sure the teams are all as evenly matched as possible.



Parent and Spectator Expectations

- We cannot thank you enough for all of the amazing support and spirit you continue to provide for our sports teams, and we look forward to having you back in the schools watching your children compete! It means so much to your children, the other student-athletes, and the community to have your presence at games. You are a big reason why we have such a successful program. Graminia School has come up with some basic expectations and guidelines for all spectators that are inline with the expectations and guidelines provided to our coaches and teams.
 - **Please let coaches do the coaching.** Our coaches are Jr. High students and have given their time to help develop our younger athletes, please be respectful towards them. If you have any serious concerns about the way the game is being coached, please email sidney.lewis@psd.ca.
 - **Treat referees with respect at all times as they are Jr. High students,** their calls should not be questioned and any abuse towards them is not tolerated.
 - Cheer enthusiastically, but only **positively**. Never do anything to make a player feel badly about their performance, on your team or the other.
 - Promote and expect the utmost sportsmanship from your child. Be sensitive about messages being sent when you debrief the game with your child or others.

Adherence to these expectations is required in order to attend games. We want to keep our athletics fun for all involved and hope to foster continued enjoyment of sport in our younger athletes. If there are any issues that arise, they will be addressed privately with the involved parties.

Expectations of Coaches

As previously mentioned your child's coach is a kid too. They are Jr. High players who are eager to give back some volunteer time to the school. Please support them as many of them are nervous, new to coaching, and excited to help. **Coaches have been told to assign even playing time to their players. If you have any issues with your child's coach please do not approach them, but email Miss. Lewis directly (sidney.lewis@psd.ca).**



Spring League Student Registration Information

please return to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday, May 6th

Student's Name _____ Student's Grade/Class _____

Which team will you be playing on?

- Boys
 Girls

Shirt size (Adult sizes) S M L XL

- I have read and understand all of the information outlined above and want my child to play in the Graminia Hawks 2024 Spring League
- I understand and agree to follow the Parent and Spectator Expectations, and to share these with all those who attend games to support my child.
- I understand that there is a \$40 fee associated with playing in this league. I agree that I will pay this fee on Powerschool prior to my child's first game.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

SPRING LEAGUE AGREEMENT - PLAYER CONTRACT

- I am confident that I can keep up with my studies at Graminia and, at the same time, uphold my commitment (time and effort) to my coach(es) and teammates – so confident **I GUARANTEE it!** I understand that my school work may affect my ability to play and I will work hard to stay in good standing.
- I agree to give 100% of myself and my abilities to each game.
- I am willing to make the time commitment involved in playing on this team. Unless arranged with the coach(es), I will be at all games.
- I agree to be a positive and supportive teammate who encourages and cheers for my team and that this positive behaviour extends off the court and into the classroom. I understand that if I am not being positive and supportive, my playing time may be affected.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student - Athlete Signature



Student Athlete Information Form

Team **Spring League** Student Name _____ Grade/Class _____

Home Phone # _____ Home Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Alberta Health Care # _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Parent Email _____

Work Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Phone # _____

Student Medical Information

List any medical issues that would affect their ability to participate in this activity?

Medical Services Authorization

In case of emergency medical or hospital services being required by the above listed student, and with the understanding that every reasonable effort will be made by the school/hospital to contact me, my signature on this form authorizes medical personnel and/or hospital to administer medical and/or surgical services including anesthesia and drugs. I understand that any cost will be my responsibility.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____