



2007 St. Luke Basketball Try Out Notice

Dear Parents and Athletes:

We hope that you are as excited as we are about the upcoming basketball season. We ask that all read the attached page, explaining the tryouts and the season, prior to making the commitment to try out for a middle school team.

We have approximately 80 athletes registered to try out for 40 positions on 4 teams. This will make the try-out times very challenging for the coaches; they will do their best to watch the athletes fully and objectively. Know that no one day, scrimmage, drill, or shot is more important than any other. The coaches sit down after each day, discuss each athlete specifically, and do their best to process all of the information together. They know too how important these tryouts are to our kids, and take their responsibility seriously.

Due to the large number of athletes wanting to participate, the coaching staff has decided to offer a school "C" team. The "C" team will be a school-sponsored CYO team and will practice twice a week in the St. Luke Gym. We will request parent-coach volunteers once this team is formed to help with this team.

Choosing to participate on a middle school team requires a commitment from both the athlete and the athlete's parents/family. Both of you will be expected to abide by our code of conduct and volunteer time throughout the season and during our tournaments. A parent or guardian will be required to attend a brief parent meeting on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00.

Try Out Dates: November 5th - 9th. Mon.-Thurs.: Girls 3:30 – 5:00, Boys 4:45 – 6:30. Athletes should make an effort to attend each session; any absences should be discussed ahead of time with Coach Loza. These sessions are closed. On Friday, Nov. 9, all athletes will gather in the gym from 3:30 and will be dismissed at 3:45.

A \$65.00 participation fee will be collected once the rosters are posted.

Students MUST have a current physical on file with the Athletic Department in order to try out. Students that participated in a Fall Sport will NOT be allowed to try out if they have not turned in their uniform from the Fall Sport.

I look forward to working with you and your athlete.

Many blessings,
Rudy Loza
Athletic Director



WINTER SPORT - BASKETBALL BOYS



AIAL BOYS BASKETBALL LEAGUE: AIAL, or Archdiocesan Interscholastic Athletic League, hosts a competitive basketball league for middle schools in the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. The teams in our district are the larger schools on the Northwest and west side of San Antonio. League games are played both at St. Luke and other school gyms. Middle schools and high schools host tournaments during the early part of the season, and the season ends with the AIAL Play-offs, based on league results.

A TEAM COACH: Coach Rudy Loza has been coaching at St. Luke since 1997, and in 2006, he joined the staff as the athletic director. His school teams have been very successful, especially in teaching responsibility, morals, and teamwork.

B TEAM COACHES: Coach Gary Jones and Coach Chris Garcia worked with our flag football and soccer teams respectively. Both are looking forward to building the skills of our younger players, and building the future success of our program. (Also, Coach Felices assists with the boys practices, and when possible, the games as well.)

TEAM FEE : The fee for basketball participation is \$65.

TRY-OUTS: 5-9 November 2007, 3:30—5:00 Girls, 5:00—6:30 Boys in the gym. Boys will have a study hall from 3:30—4:45 p.m. **ALL ATHLETES TRYING OUT MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL FORM ON FILE, AND HAVE RETURNED FALL SPORT UNIFORMS.** These practices will be closed to parents and students (those not trying out). Each day, the coaching staff will discuss the results of that day's try-outs; no one day or one performance will determine onto what team a player is named. The coaches will do their best to evaluate the players who try out and make the best decisions possible. On Friday, 10 November, the teams will gather in the gym, the coaches will talk about the try-outs and the upcoming season, and each player will receive a letter explaining the results. Players are asked to wait to open the letter until they leave the gym and are on the way home. They will be dismissed from the gym at 3:50 p.m.

ROSTER SIZE: A team—10 boys, B team—10 boys, (CYO team's) as needed. After reviewing the results from the last few seasons, the coaching staff has made the decision to continue the A and B team rosters to 10 each. This will make the try-out process more difficult, but make it possible to run quality practices and distribute playing time to all players. Through our partnership with St. Luke CYO, middle school-age level CYO teams have been established. We encourage players not named to the A or B team to play on a CYO team. However, this is not mandatory.

SEASON START/END: The regular season starts Monday, 26 November 2007, with home games against Holy Spirit. The regular season ends 30 January, with the AIAL Play-offs in the following week.

PRACTICES AND GAMES: Will be held daily Monday through Thursday in the gym. Friday practices will be scheduled occasionally. Please consult the calendar on the web site. Games are typically played on Tuesday through Thursday, with a few weekend tournaments.

TEAM PHOTO DATE/TIME: The team photo will be taken on Tuesday, 13 November at 3:45 for all teams. Order forms will be passed out on Monday, 12 Nov., along with uniforms.

TEAM SHOES: Will be offered this year by Adidas with a discount price of \$60.00 retail price \$120.

PARENT MEETING DATE/TIME: After team photos on Tuesday, 13 November, the coaches will run parent information meetings in the cafeteria. Girls team parents at 6:00 p.m.; boys team parents at 6:00 p.m.

PLAYING TIME: **A team**—All team members will play in the first half. Second half playing time will be determined by the coach. **B team**—All team members will play in both halves. B team coaches will use a five-in, five-out substitution model, but at times, will need to deviate from this due to fouls.

AIAL RULE ARTICLE XI SECTION 4: NO PLAYER MAY BE LISTED OR PARTICIPATE IN THE SAME SPORT, ON ANY OTHER TEAM, IN ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION DURING THE SAME CALENDAR SEASON.