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Dear Parent,

I am excited to announce a new youth boys basketball program that I am forming for Catholic school students in grades K-8. The Thunderbolts Youth Basketball Association is a non-profit organization aimed at developing young athletes by integrating faith and sportsmanship while fostering a spirit of teamwork, respect, and personal growth. We will provide a positive, energetic environment where our youth can enhance their basketball skills while deepening their faith and character. We are committed to keeping the cost of play as affordable as possible; our goal is to not turn anyone away because of inability to pay.

While we will not be forming any teams until the 2025-26 school year, we will be offering skills clinics, a "Nightmare on A Street" season kickoff event, two "Holy Hoops" sessions and a "coaching the coaches" clinic. More information is on the reverse side of this letter.

This upcoming year will be my third year as the head coach of the Pius X boys basketball team, though I have coached in the program for a total of thirteen seasons. I'm a 2004 Pius X graduate, played on the 2004 State Championship team, and was a Varsity Assistant for the 2019 State Championship team. My sister Becky graduated from Pius X in 1999 after playing on three State Championship Volleyball teams. Pius X has had a major role in my life as a student, an athlete, and now an educator and coach. I'm very passionate about Pius X, our basketball program, and the rich tradition.

Many successful high school teams trace their success back to their youth programs and the development of their players. They develop cohesion, familiarity, and support for one another ("rising tides lift all boats"), whether they stick with basketball or not. The parents, kids, and communities all buy into the program, the kids get a sense of belonging to something bigger than just basketball and success follows in more areas than one. This is the vision of our Thunderbolts Youth Basketball Program.

The Thunderbolts Youth Basketball program has the blessing and support of the Pius X Administration. Pius X Catholic High School is not responsible for the management or control of Thunderbolts Youth Basketball.

I hope to see you and your son(s) at our events. Please email questions to [BoltsYouthHoops@gmail.com](mailto:BoltsYouthHoops@gmail.com).

In Hoops

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Adam Brill



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## 2024 Pre-Season Skill Development Sessions:

- Goal of developing the age-appropriate fundamentals of the game.
- Skills stations led by the current Bolts coaching staff and players.
- Sunday nights: September 15<sup>th</sup>, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 29<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Age groups:
  - Kindergarten—2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 4:45-5:45 pm
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> grade: 6:00-7:15 pm
  - 6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> grade: 7:30-8:45 pm
- Cost: \$50
  - Family pricing:
    - \$50 for the first kid, \$40 for the second kid, all other kids are free.
  - Proceeds go toward supporting the development of the youth program for next season.
- Pre-register to guarantee a T-shirt!! at [BoltsYouthHoops@gmail.com](mailto:BoltsYouthHoops@gmail.com)
  - Please include your child's name, parents' names, contact information

## Other upcoming events with more details to come:

- 2024 Basketball season kick-off "Nightmare on A St." at Pius (TBD)
  - A fun night for kids to get excited about the upcoming basketball season.
  - Food, drinks and contests throughout the night.
  - 3-point shooting and Dunk contests
- 2024 Holy Hoops dates 11/9 and 12/7
  - Integrating basketball with faith and character development. A fun morning for both parents and kids starting with mass, an inspirational speaker followed by a skill development hoops session for the boys and coffee/rolls for parents.

Please email: [BoltsYouthHoops@gmail.com](mailto:BoltsYouthHoops@gmail.com) for more information or with any questions.