

# Tigers Athletic News



## Tigers Boys Basketball Scoreboard

Trans. 8th	
St. Pats	
Trans. 5th	24
MPA	18

## Tigers Boys Basketball Upcoming Games

12/10	Trans. 5th
	Away at 6:30pm
12/11	Trans 8th
	Home at 4pm

## TIGERS BOYS BASKETBALL NEWS

### 5th Grade

The Transfiguration Tigers 5th-grade boys opened their basketball season against Liberty Classical Academy at home on Monday, December 2.

This was a tough first-game test for the Tigers. Liberty Classical came to Transfiguration with a big roster of players and was clearly well-prepared for this opening test on the Tiger's home court.

But the Tigers 5th-grade team was more than equal to the task. Speedy guard Cameron Bennett scored early and often to lead the team with 10 points. Luke "The Motivator"

Jacobson is one of Transfiguration's 4th graders who has chosen to play up the big leagues with the 5th graders this season. Jacobson played a big -league game in the opener with 8 points. The Tigers offense benefitted from great ball handling from their other 4th grader, Henry Kirchberg.

The Tigers also proved gritty on defense. The Tiger's big men-- Henry Hrubby and Michael Marabella--occupied the paint with authority and gobbled up rebounds all through the second half to keep the Tigers in the driver's seat. Both of the Tiger's big men were also on the score sheet, doubling their contribution. Guard Caleb Umland had a clutch defensive performance, shutting down Liberty Classica's skilled point guard to keep the Tigers on top.

It was a true team effort. Final score, Tigers 24, Liberty Classical Academy 18.

### Athletic Director

Watch for volunteering opportunities. During the Winter sports season we will need help with the scoreboard. Thanks to all the families that have helped during the fall season and volleyball playoffs.

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## TIGERS GIRLS BASKETBALL NEWS

### 8th Grade

Dateline: 12/4/2019 - Sold out St John the Baptist in New Brighton. The “Iron 6” Transfiguration Lady Tigers opened their 2019-2020 Campaign against 3 time defending CAA champion St John the Baptist on the road. “Not an easy start to the season, but this is a different team, a new year” said Sami “McBuckets” McMenomy in the pre-game press conference. Truer words could not be spoken. Just 2 years ago these same Lady Tigers lost to St John’s 4 times by an average of 20+. But not this team. Not this year. The off season weight rooms, mandatory mini-camps, and protein shakes were about to pay-off. The game started with an Ella Geelhoed jumper and the St John’s crowd took quick notice that this was not the Old Tigers. The girls team rebounded with a fury led by Kendall “Ballgame” Buffalo, Rhiannon “The Hammer” O’Neill, Sami “McBuckets” McMemony and Daniella “DJ” Johnson. Balanced scoring was the key again as all 6 notched points. McBuckets McMenomy had 4 blocks on the day to lead a tenacious defense. The Tigers took a small lead early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and then had to make a wild comeback. And with 90 seconds left Jordyn “JoJo” Preiner buried a 3 pointer to tie the ballgame at 30-30. In the end, free throw shooting was the Achilles heal and the Tigers lost 34-31 to a team that hasn’t lost a game in 3 years. “We aren’t happy, we wanted the “W” “ said Kendall “Ballgame” Buffalo during her post game Muscle Milk shake “ but we made a statement that this isn’t the same old Tigers” Approached after the game, Rhiannon “The Hammer” O’Neill said to Fox9 Sports “we are here to hang a banner – point blank. Didn’t get it done today but understand that won’t stop us from hanging a banner this year” she remarked as she signed autographs before boarding the team bus. Scoring: Geelhoed 2, Johnson 5, Buffalo 6, O’Neill 2, McMenomy 3, Preiner 13

Next Up: The Iron 6 head to Immaculate Conception at White Castle Coliseum for their annual tournament Dec 5<sup>th</sup>-8th

### Swim Team

Hear Ye—Hear Ye. The swim team is taking registrations for the Winter season. Practices start after the first of the year, but registrations should be submitted now. Mr. Kirchberg is our School Coordinator for the Swim Team. It is a great way to get exercise and learn some swimming strokes plus working as a team. We try to set up two practices a week and go to three or four meets. The end of the season concludes with qualified swimmers going to the CAA meet. The finals are held at the U of M Aquatic Center. There have been a number of forms submitted this past week, but we are accepting more.