

# Tigers Athletic News



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## TIGERS BOYS BASKETBALL NEWS

### 8th Grade

After their 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament dreams melted away due to a weekend storm, the Tigers were eager to get back on the prowl and play the visiting St. Patrick's lads. The venue had a tournament feel as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls made signs and cheered on the boys throughout the game while concession sales were hopping. Unlike their opponents, our starters came out to play and the bench was charged up from the get go. The Tigers scored first with an assist from Luke H. to Jack M. for a quick layup that left the opposing lads in a lurch. The Tigers kept trading baskets and pulled ahead of St. Pat's with Zac. F hitting a three, a free throw and three other buckets to lead the first-half group into the fray. Luke H. hit a three, distributed the ball and created defensive disturbance, yet he picked up some quick fouls to slow his roll. At the half, the Tigers were down by a couple buckets. The shocked St. Pat's were forced to regroup after the Tiger boys unraveled the Pat's 2-3 defense. In the second half, Jack M. continued shine as he pulled in rebounds and turned a couple sweet assists to the low post into two more baskets. Connor M. also got in offensive stride, created some space and was open to hit two smooth jump-shot swishes. Derek C. just missed some nice layups and Gabe R. scored a bucket, while both ran with abandon as they drove the ball up court and played scrappy defense to slow down the opponent's scoring opportunities. Unfortunately, the refs had Luke H.'s number and he fouled out. And, Coach Mike provided some guidance to the refs after things got a bit spirited on the floor. Aiden A. had a solid game with defensive stops, rebounds and earned a trip to the free-throw line where he calmly sunk a free throw with a fist pump afterwards. St. Pat's pulled away with some open looks at the basket and fast-break conversions to win the game. Yet, Zac F. helped the Tigers end on a high note. He launched and landed a long, final-seconds, buzzer-beater shot and strolled off the court to a throng of high fives... It was the boys' best game of the season as they moved the ball around and playing as a team. The boys were all smiles, until their parents reminded them their science fair project was due tomorrow.

### 5th Grade

There are no holidays when you're in the big leagues, so the Tigers 5th grade boys basketball team loaded up the team bus to take on Woodbury's powerhouse St. Ambrose squad in a Martin Luther King Day matchup. In the pre-game press conference, co-coach Shelly Umland said, "We're not planing on taking the day off just because it's a holiday. If we want the win, it's time to do what we do when we do it the way we should do it. Now let's get to it." And so the Tigers did. Right from the opening tip off, it was clear that St. Ambrose was going to lean on a couple of key players and the Tigers would have to adjust quickly to stay in the game. Drew Gieser was a standout in this game. Drew had clearly been waiting for this contest for the entire weekend. He was rested, he was ready, and he was red hot with a career-high scoring game and a huge effort down the stretch. The elder of the dynamite Brothers Gieser combo netted 4 points for the Tigers. Another Tiger standout was David Vomastek, who was putting the power in power forward the whole game. He kept himself wide open in the low post and was .00065 inches from netting a well-deserved basket in a superior effort. Henry "Hurricane" Ahern flew below the radar and gave the St. Ambrose defense fits as he powered his way to 2 points and multiple rebounds. Nathan Narusiewicz set up shop in what is now known as "The Nathan Spot" and thundered his way to 2 points and also multiple rebounds, as well as providing a key back-court defensive effort to stop St. Ambrose's leading scorer. As the second half opened, the Tigers found themselves in desperate need of shutting off St. Ambrose's main scoring threat. The team played their best defensive half of the year and shut down the opponent's star player for over 10 minutes during the second half! A huge improvement for the Tigers. Luke "The Motivator" Jacobson was hot, hot, hot in the second half. They don't call him The Motivator for nothing, Luke got on his horse and scored 10 points in the second half alone, finishing with 13. Even though the Tigers were able to rally from a 9-27 deficit, the game ended Tigers 26, St. Ambrose 33. In the post-game press conference, Co-Coach Hruby praised the team's full-game effort. "It took a while for the pre-game Red Bull to kick in, but once we got the Tiger Machine firing on all cylinders, we made a game of it. We need to get back to practice and keep doing more of what's making us a much better team."

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Tigers Girls  
Basketball  
Scoreboard

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**Tigers Girls  
Basketball  
Upcoming**

01/30 Away  
7:00pm

## TIGERS GIRLS BASKETBALL NEWS 8<sup>TH</sup>

### GRADE

Dateline: 1/15/20 Mt Tabor Hall. Amongst a sold out crowd of 118 attendees, the Iron 6 Lady Tigers took to the court against another highly ranked opponent in Holy Spirit. "We've played close games all year and we need to start finishing them" said Rhiannon O'Neill as she finished her bag of Nutter Butters in the pregame carb load. The Tigers came out aggressive and focused early on, taking a 23-9 lead into the half. "DON'T STOP, LETS NOT STOP PRESSURING" screamed Ella Geelhoed as the girls entered the locker room at half time. Unfortunately for the Tigers there shooting went cold in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half making only one field goal But their many hours of shooting free throws paid off as the Tigers held on for a 32-24 win over Holy Spirit. Balance is the key to this team and all 6 scored in this game. "Great win for us but we need to seal up some things at practice next week, St John's coming to the House of Pain and we need to be ready " said JoJo Preiner. Scoring: O'Neill 8, Johnson 7, McMenemy 5, Geelhoed 2, Preiner 9, Buffalo 1.

Dateline: 1/22/20 Mt Tabor Hall. "Last chance to knock off the beast" said Sami "McBuckets" McMenemy in her pregame presser. She was referring to St John's the Baptist. Who's won the last 3 titles and has beaten this Tiger team 9 times over the last 5 years. "We rattled them at their place in the season opener, now we slam the door open tonight" said Kendall Buffalo. The game started out slow and low scoring but great defense on both sides was the reason. Intense to say the least at a packed gym on Mothers Night as the crowd was loud and involved from opening tip. The girls got down early, but made a run late in 1<sup>st</sup> half to end up 12-10 lead. "Don't lose FOCUS" screamed Coach Scott Johnson as he ordered his halftime bag of popcorn from concessions. At halftime the girls would present their mothers with a rose and read a "Thank You" for all the mothers have done. (side note: This is Coach Preiner's favorite game of the year and the girls did great !!!). Second half came and the bodies started to fall. Daniella "DJ" Johnson's shin splints kicked in and limited her playing time. Rhiannon O'Neill rolled her ankle and had to be carried off the court and ice. Kendall Buffalo chasing down a ball cracked heads with the point guard from St John's and had a black eye and went into concussion protocol. In the end, the injuries and depleted bench were too much to overcome but the heart of this team was shown. Play through pain, injury, and fatigue. NEVER GIVING UP. That is what these girls have done for 5 years and the coaches could not be prouder. St John's 24, Tigers 17. Scoring: Johnson 5, Preiner 4, Buffalo 8

The 8th Grade Girls would like to thank all their fans after their final home game this Wednesday. We appreciate the support.

Coach P

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## Athletic Director

This weekend we have volunteer chance for you please help if you can!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0c4ca8a72ba5fc1-basketball6>

Here is an awesome article for parents to read found by Mr. J check it out!

<https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/buffalo-bills-offensive-lineman-centered-on-christ>

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.

Be aware that coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers need to be current with the VIRTUS training.

Any student athlete that wants to play on more than one team in the same season can explore that option, just be aware of the chance of more time conflicts.

Anyone can join the Tiger Pride Booster Club at any time during the year. It is a fun group and the money they raise selling concessions helps with the school sports teams.

Any questions can be directed to Jim Weingartz or Abbey Luger. GO TIGERS!!!!!!