

Tigers Athletic News



Tigers Boys Basketball Scoreboard

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St. Croix	40

Tigers Boys Basketball Upcoming Games

Trans. 5th Away	02/03 4:00pm
Transfiguration 8th	02/06 Away @ 4:30pm

TIGERS BOYS BASKETBALL NEWS

8th Grade

The Transfiguration Tigers took their rescheduled game on the road to St. John the Baptist Jan. 29. The Tigers came to play and shined in a stellar defensive effort in a noisy St. Johnnie B gym. Zac F. started us up and never stopped as he scored the first seven points of the game with a bucket, a three, a steal and layup, plus a sweet dish to Jack M. for two points. The boys were in the mood to set some picks and clog the lane, slowing down the Johnnie B's offensive output. Jack M. won a couple basketball-wrestling matches while Jesse H. grabbed some boards. Luke H. played some staunch defense and scored a bucket. The Tigers continued their scoring spree. Speedy Gabe R. sunk two free throws and another bucket to keep the points flowing. Derek C. gave a spark off the bench with his patented bank-shot three-pointer and added another bucket plus grabbed some rebounds. When Aiden A. checked in, he kept up the pressure and scored a bucket. Connor M. and Daniel A. added some hustle on defense and put up some nice arc shots that just missed the mark. At the half, the Tigers were up 26-16 and the Tiger parents were in full volume cheering them on. The Tigers scored some buckets early in the second half. Zac F. hit some more buckets, while Luke H. hit a free throw and made some assists to Gabe R. and Jesse H. who both added four points in the second half. Although the Tigers amassed a comfortable lead, the Johnnie B's woke up from their slumber and scored nine unanswered points to tighten up the game. As the lead dwindled to six points - due to the Johnny B's half-court pressure and the Tigers 11 fouls - things were getting tense. Fortunately, the Johnny B's got into foul trouble and the Tigers had an opportunity to get to the line. Matthew G. roared off the bench in the final minutes, got fouled and earned a trip to the line where he sunk two clutch free-throw swishes to seal the victory and raised the parent's volume level to 11. Zac F. dropped 20 points but was a bit disappointed he didn't hit Kobe's number of 24. Yet, the whole team played a role and equally celebrated this feel-good, 46-38 victory.

5th Grade

On January 27, the Tiger 5th grade boys had a rematch against St. Croix Catholic, this time on the Tiger's home hardwood. In the pregame press conference, both of the Tiger's coaches were optimistic. Said co-coach Shelly Umland, "This isn't the same Tiger team that St. Croix Catholic stymied in Stillwater back in December. We're battle-tested and ready to roll." And in the first half, roll is just what the Tiger's did! For 20 minutes the Tigers were all over St. Croix Catholic, matching them point for point in a sustained attack that had the Knights clearly knocked off their horses. Luke "The Motivator" Jacobson, was exactly what it says on his label-motivated. Jacobson mounted a one-man shock and awe campaign that had the Knight's armor looking awful rusty in the first half. Jacobson ended the game with a scorching 15 points on another top gun performance and the Knights had no answer for Jacobson in the first half.

The Tigers have vastly improved their rebounding over the course of the season and in this game, their hard work paid off. The Transfiguration Twin Towers of Michael Marabella and Henry Hruby gobbled up rebound after rebound on both ends of the court to keep the Tigers within striking distance of the Knights. Cam Bennett and Juan Lopez-Munoz got in on the first half Tiger attack, both with 2 points. Together with some fine defensive play by Henry "Kirch" Kirchberg, Caleb Umland, and Alex "Don't Call Me Drew" Gieser, the Tigers scratched and clawed their way to within 2 points at the half. Clearly the Tigers had landed a blow that had rattled the Knight's armor. In the second half, the Tigers tried to keep the momentum. Drew Gieser, the elder of the famous Gieser brothers, netted a beautiful bucket, as did big man Michael Marabella as the Tigers battled to keep momentum. Henry "Hurricane" Ahern kept blowing by the taller Knights who didn't have a good answer for the Hurricane's up-tempo attack. David Vomastek was again less than 3/8 of an inch from scoring as he put in another fine effort that will pay off soon. But this is a deep, all-5th-grade Knights team and the Tigers lost some traction in the second half. The final tally did not reflect the huge effort the Tiger's all put into this game. Final score Tigers 27, Knights 40. In the post-game presser, Coach Hruby had this to say. "For 20 minutes we *believed* and it showed. That was our best half of basketball all season and we had them on the ropes. Now we need to bring the full meal deal to the next game and we'll have the "w". We just gotta believe, baby."

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Tigers Girls
Basketball
Scoreboard

Trans. 8th
St. Ambrose

TIGERS GIRLS BASKETBALL NEWS 8TH

GRADE

The lady tigers are heading to Visitation this weekend look for recap of the games in the upcoming newsletter!

Tigers Girls
Basketball
Upcoming

02/05 Away
5:15pm

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Athletic Director

Watch for volunteering opportunities in the next coming weeks for playoffs. 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!!!!!!