

# **The SMS KNIGHTLY NEWS**

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## **Winter sports going strong for our St. Mary Knights.**

**What do you get when you combine twelve 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and a basketball?  
A winning team!**

**Congratulations to our Varsity basketball team who have been undefeated thus far except for a tough game against St. Mary Oceanside this week. These boys are a team to beat according to the talk amongst the North County Parochial League Athletic Directors. So keep up the good work. FYI, we should be hearing from the St. Augustine Alumni Association regarding the basketball tournament sometime this week.**

**More information to follow.**

**Girl's soccer is back! Our Varsity team is made up of four 7<sup>th</sup> graders and seven 6<sup>th</sup> graders with only a few experienced soccer players. We are extremely proud of these girls for having the enthusiasm to learn, play, and persevere through these first 3 games against all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. Each week the girls have gained more and more experience and we appreciate the athletes representing SMS in soccer. Hang in there girls.....we have two more games to our season and you can **DO IT!****

**Our Jr. Varsity basketball team is really special this year. Their head coach is one of SMS alumni, Kyle Dea. How great to see the circle of leadership coming back to serve our after-school sports program. Most of these boys have never played organized basketball before and with the experience of a few players, 3 coaches and playing some tough 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams, we're holding our own. With each practice you can see the boys really becoming a team and this week it paid off – we **WON** our game. What a great way to learn basketball while having fun. We're looking forward to see what the rest of the season brings.**

**Last but not least, Jr. Varsity soccer. With only 10 girls starting the season (we're supposed to have 11 for a team), these girls have done great. No substitutions and running the whole game, yes.....we won a game and tied one as well! Way to go girls. Keep on practicing and working hard and you will gain experience for the years to come.**

**A big thank you to all of our coaches, team parents, drivers and parents that allow their children to participate in our after-school sports program. It is a commitment to get children to practice and to come to games. So, SMS thanks you and your children thank you. Sometimes it's tough to juggle so many schedules and school work, but the kids seem to be doing great!**

**Mark your calendar's for the Cathedral Track meet coming on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be out next week.**

**Spring sports are just around the corner for boy's soccer and girl's basketball. Sign-up sheets have been sent home with your child.**

**Varsity 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Soccer  
Varsity 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball**

**JV 5-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Soccer  
JV 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball**

**Season play will begin the week of March 22 – May 28.**

**Practices will begin the week of March 15<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming. Hopefully we have some parents that are interested in coaching our spring season – we have the enthusiastic athletes....now we need you! If you know of someone who would like to join our SMS team, please contact me ASAP. I would hate to see us miss out on a sport because we do not have a coach.**

**SMS Wins & Losses**

**Varsity Basketball**

**Win: against St. Patrick 8th  
Win: against St. Michael 8th  
Win: against St. John 7th  
Win: against St. Patrick 7th  
Loss: against St. Mary Oceanside 8th**

**Varsity Soccer**

**Loss: against St. Michael 8th  
Loss: against St. Michael 7th  
Loss: against St. Patrick 8th**

**JV Basketball**

**Loss: against St. John 5th  
Loss: against St. John 5th  
Loss: against St. St. Michael 6th  
Loss: against St. Patrick 6th  
Win: against St. Patrick 5th**

**JV Soccer**

**Loss: against St. Michael  
Loss: against St. Mary Oceanside  
Win: against Nativity  
Tie: against St. Peter**