

2015 MLKHoopla

Monday – January 19th, 2015

Middle School Inter-Conference Challenge

Sponsored in part by Saco M.S. and “Hoops for Hayley”



Tired of playing the same teams? Wonder how the other MS teams in the area are? Check out the 1st Annual Southern Maine Inter-Conference Challenge for Middle School Teams. Teams from the Cumberland Division and York County Division of the SMMSAC and Middle Schools from the Western Maine Conference are invited to participate in this event where teams from other conferences will participate. Teams will be put into “Pools” with teams from other conferences. Each team will play 2 games on Monday, January 19th at XLSportsworld in Saco and possibly Saco Middle School. Use the form below to register your team, please mark your ability level as well, so that we can create the most competitive Pools. Rate your team as follows: A Level – Top 4-5 team in the league, B Level – All Others. (School Teams ONLY)

“**Hoops and Hope for Hayley**” – Hayley Desjardins is a Saco 7th grader who suffers from a rare bone marrow failure disease called Aplastic Anemia, diagnosed in 2008. Once in remission it has now returned, Hayley has been an active Basketball enthusiast since 3rd grade. A portion of all registrations and gate money will go to assist the family. (see attached page for more info.)

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 14. You can email your registration information to Lenny at mainehoops@gmail.com – Cost is \$125 for 2 games. (You can bring check with you or mail registration and check to Mike Tatro, Saco M.S. 40 Buxton Rd., Saco ME 04072)

Registration Information: Team Name _____

Gender: _____ Division (check one) 7th _____ 8th _____ Mixed _____

Ability Level (A or B) _____ Coach's Name _____

Contact Phone # _____ Email _____

“Hoops and Hope for Hayley”

The Saco community understands that, especially in times of adversity, families need support. So when Saco resident Hayley Desjardins began a battle with a rare bone marrow failure disease called Aplastic Anemia in 2008 when she was just five years old, the fundraising efforts also began. Hayley received several treatments for her illness, including numerous blood and platelet transfusions, and was repeatedly hospitalized. Hayley is the daughter of Michael (TA alumnus '90) and Allison Desjardins and has a younger sister Maddison, who are all active members of the greater Saco community. In 2009 Hayley's family, with sponsorship from the Biddeford/Saco Elks Lodge, established an annual road race called “Hugs From Hayley 5K Run and Fun Walk” to support children with chronic illnesses, by raising funds for the Maine Children's Cancer Program (MCCP).

Despite going into remission, unfortunately, this disease has returned and Hayley and her family will face more financial strain with regular trips to the Dana Farber clinic in Boston, as well as many other various expenses related to her care. After hearing this news, the international students at Thornton Academy, who live in dorms on campus, raised money to purchase Hayley an iPad. Director of Residential Life & Dorm Head Catherine Paradis explained, “For the past two years the Thornton Academy Residential Life Program has taken part in ‘Hugs From Hayley.’”

On Friday, December 5, at the opening game of the season vs. Catherine McAuley High School at 7 p.m. at the Thornton Academy Girls Basketball program kicked off a fundraiser for Hayley and her family. \$1 for every paid admission ticket for the game was donated to this cause. The TA Girls Basketball Program will also be donating \$1 for every point they score throughout the entire season and they will be selling “Hoops For Hayley” t-shirts throughout the season and accepting ongoing donations. Families, friends, and supporters are asked to contribute in any way possible, as Hayley has been a part of the TA Girls Youth Basketball program since third grade. To donate money online, visit <http://www.gofundme.com/HoopsForHayley>.

Currently Hayley is undergoing chemotherapy and the Desjardin family has been informed the ultimate cure will be in a bone marrow transplant, for which no family member has been identified as a match. They are now holding bone marrow donor registry's in hopes of finding a match. There may be the possibility to register at the event if someone wishes to do so. We invite you to participate in this competitive fun basketball event all while helping support a wonderful and brave young lady.