



Adams Basketball  
2010-2011

**PLAYER: xxxxxxxx**

Welcome to this year's team! Your physical has **Been Cleared** after being checked by the school nurse. If your physical has expired, you will need to have one on file with the school nurse that is within one year of our first game (12/16/10). You will need to square that away on your own with the school nurse so you can participate in our games. You may practice until it is taken care of, however.

I've included our schedule for the month of December on the back of this letter. Please keep it handy. If you misplace it, I also keep a web site for the basketball team at the following address:

<http://www.guilford.k12.ct.us/~evansj/basketball>

Please check out the web site – it has our schedule, roster, game results and write-ups, as well as statistics for our team. I will keep that up-to-date as well. Feel free to email me with any concerns or questions at [evansj@guilford.k12.ct.us](mailto:evansj@guilford.k12.ct.us).

Our team has 24 players, sixteen of which are in eighth grade. We play two games each game day, so playing time will be spread across those games. We will do our best to get everyone playing time, but please realize that playing 24 players during a basketball game is a very difficult thing to do. If a player doesn't get a chance to play in a game, we will make sure that he will play in our next game – we do keep track of all that. If time ends up being a problem, please contact me or have your child come and speak with me.

We do not have many team rules. However, I would like you to be aware of a few.

- School comes first! The team list was sent out to the teachers at Adams. If a player is having difficulty in class, he may be benched until that situation is remedied. I have no problem if a player needs to attend after school help on a practice day. If a player receives a detention, he attends the detention rather than the practice or game, even if he misses the bus to an away game.
- I realize these students have many things going on. If a player needs to miss a practice, I generally have no problem with that whatsoever. **The only thing I do ask is for you to let me know either in person, through a phone call, a note, or an email.** This way I am not hunting down missing players. If a player misses a practice prior to a game, he may still play in the game, but he will not start.
- On some game days, the team will wear their jerseys to school. On other game days, they will need to wear a collared shirt and tie.
- School buses will take us to and from away games. I really would like every player that goes to the game with the team on the bus to return with the team on the bus. If it is necessary to take a player from a game, I will need a dated and signed note from a parent stating so. If another parent is taking a player who is not his/her son, I will need a note from both parents.
- Some days we have late practice that starts at 4:30 PM. I am in my room until that time. Players are welcome to stay in my room and do homework or just spend time there until we get the gym. Some players take the bus home and return at the proper practice time. In the past, I have had players walk down to Subway or CVS during this time period. I am not responsible for the students until 4:30 PM on those days, so if this is something you would like your child not to do, please let me know and I will have them stay in my room, or make other arrangements.
- Each player will be given a jersey that is his responsibility during the season. Please be sure to take care when washing it. We have no extra jerseys! It will be collected at the end of the season. I have some green shorts, but not enough for a whole team. If your son has green shorts from a Guilford travel team that match our jersey, it would be great if he could use those.
- Players should not keep any valuables in the locker rooms either at Adams or during our away games. If a player brings an iPod or a cell phone to a game, it would be best to have them keep it in our team's medical kit that we take everywhere. In the past, we have had problems with people going into locker rooms while we were on the court and taking these items, and we have not been successful in getting them returned.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me. Thanks and I hope we have a great season!

Coach John Evans & Coach Paul Canestri