



THUNDERBOLTS YOUTH BASKETBALL



BETTER TODAY THAN YESTERDAY

A MESSAGE FROM TYBA BoD,

Welcome to the 2nd season of Jr. Bolts Boys Basketball. We wanted to thank everyone for their support in our first season as we had over 300 kids across 33 teams compete as a member of the Jr. Bolts Basketball team! There were a few things that really stood out as we reflected on our first season. The first, was how quickly the kids adapted to the new program and the level of pride they took in being a Bolt! The second, was the tremendous level of support we received from both the parents and the Catholic community and how this program gave members of our Catholic community a new opportunity to build relationships strengthening both their Faith and friendships.

Below is a quote from a member of Jr. Bolts basketball end of season survey.

"Being a part of this program has had a wonderful impact on me personally and my family. We have a great group of families at Cathedral (our parish). But this program sort of opened up our circle. Now we've got friends from North American Martyrs, St Mikes, St Pats, Blessed Sacrament, St Joe's, St T's. Families we would not have met if not for the program. And friends my boys will have for years before ever getting to Pius. It's been great!"

We also observed how much more interaction and engagement there was between the grade school kids and the Pius X athletes and coaching staff. Youth attendance at the varsity basketball games was up and the energy they brought to the gym was fun to watch.

Finally, we have several families considering attending Pius X Catholic High School after their experience with the Jr Bolts basketball program. This is a large source of pride for the TYBA board and a part of our mission to grow the Pius X High School family.

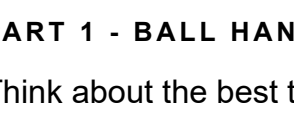
As we enter our 2nd season, we are humbled by the support and trust the community has put into the program and into our board of directors. To get to know the people behind the program, please visit our website

<https://www.jrbolts.com/basketball/board-of-directors/>.

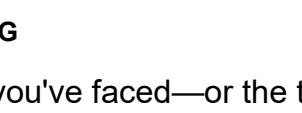
Please get signed up today for our upcoming winter season! We look forward to seeing you out on the court!

- TYBA BoD

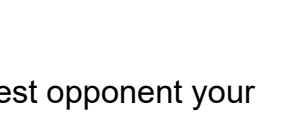
PLAYER PROFILES



GOLF SCRAMBLE



TRYOUT DETAILS



COACHES CORNER

PART 1 - BALL HANDLING

Think about the best team you've faced—or the toughest opponent your child's team has played. Chances are, they had players who looked completely comfortable with the ball in their hands. They pushed the pace, attacked the rim, broke down defenders, and created scoring opportunities for themselves and their teammates.

That isn't a coincidence.

The players who can handle the basketball are often the ones who control the game.

When I think about handling pressure, it all starts with confidence. And confidence begins with ball handling.

A strong foundation means much more than simply dribbling with your dominant hand. Great ball handlers can control the ball with either hand, keep their eyes up, read the floor, and move at different speeds without losing control. They can start, stop, change direction, protect the ball, and explode past defenders—all while staying composed and keeping their dribble.

These skills don't just happen overnight. They're built through consistent, intentional practice.

That's why I believe ball handling should be a priority from a young age. Whether it's during team practice or through individual "homework" outside the gym, players should spend time every week developing their dribble. The more comfortable they become with the basketball, the more confident they'll be during competition, which will make the game more fun – enjoyable.

Drills + Terminology to use:

Stationary dribbling: A series of ball handling drills where the player remains stationary or stays inside of a small area. Check out a small portion of our "Sideline Series" to get started. Click the link below.

TYBA Jr Bolts Basketball

Single Ball: Dominant Hand | Weak Hand x2 (at least double)

- Pound Series
- Half Cross
- Inside Out
- Push Pull
- Crossover Series
- Between
- Behind
- Combination Pounds
- Wraps | + Wrap Combination
- Cone Manipulation

Cone Manipulation ComboTwo Ball:

- Pound Series
- Opposite
- Wipers
- Push Pull
- One High | One Low
- Cross
- Wraps

On the Move:

- Sideline Series (Down / Back)
- Walking Pounds Series
- Tight Cones
- Staggered Cones
- Reverse Pivots | Spins
- Attack + Retreat

Constraints: Add a live defender with constraints (Zig-Zag), and progress to live 1v1 in the full court.

Social Media Follows for Ball Handling:

- HoopStudy
- Phil Handy | bballwillett | deucebrand
- Danny Cooper
- Uncharted Athletics
- Jordan Walton
- Gym Rat BBall
- Grind House Basketball

Websites for ball handling:

- HoopStudy
- Basketball Immersion
- Transforming Basketball
- Better Basketball

Next Month:

Handling Pressure Series: Part 2 – Triple Threat | Starting + Stopping + Pivoting | Passing + Catching.

PLAYER PROFILES

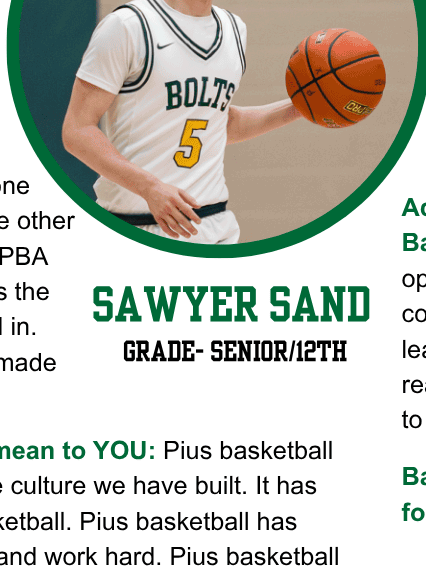
Favorite Memory from the 25-26 Basketball Season: My favorite memory was making it to state and cutting down the nets at wahoo. That was a special moment to me because I felt like everyone had counted us out going into that game.

Best game environment you've played in: The best game environment I played in was probably the wahoo game. This was because it was win or go home so I felt like everyone was into it. The other one would be PBA because it was the biggest arena I have ever played in. I felt like all of Pius came which made it more exciting.

What does Pius X Basketball mean to YOU: Pius basketball means a lot to me. It is about the culture we have built. It has taught me how to find joy in basketball. Pius basketball has taught me how to be coachable and work hard. Pius basketball has showed me what a team is all about.

Goal for the upcoming Season: To win a state title

Favorite Pius X Jersey Set: Black



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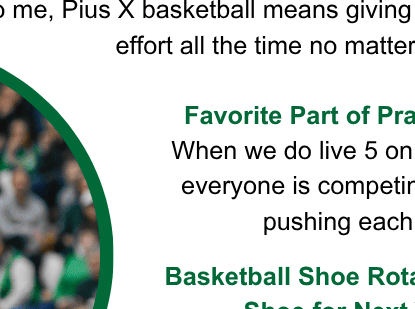
GRADE- SENIOR/12TH

Favorite Part of Practice: My favorite part of practice is when we get to go live. This could be small, sided games or things like 1 on 1. I enjoy getting to compete with my teammates every day.

Favorite Memory from Coaching in the LEO League: my favorite memory is when my team started the pool play 1-3. Everyone thought we were out of the tournament. We later went on to win the whole tournament. It was fun to see my team not give up.

Advice to future Pius X Basketball Players: Enjoy every opportunity you get to be on the court. Be someone who is ready to learn, is coachable, and always is ready to work hard. Play your role to the best of your ability.

Basketball Shoe Rotation / Shoe for Next Year: Kd 18 warning label



Favorite Memory from the 25-26 Basketball Season: Beating wahoo in the district final and cutting down the net.

Best game environment you've played in: PBA at state because there are so many people watching.

Favorite Pius X Jersey Set: Black, because they look cool and we rarely get to wear them.

Goal for the upcoming Season: make it to state and bring home a state championship

Favorite Memory from Coaching in the LEO League: coaching my team and drawing up plays on the whiteboard that I brought from home.



ZACH TAUBENHEIM

GRADE- SENIOR/12TH

Favorite Part of Practice: When we do live 5 on 5 and everyone is competing and pushing each other.

Basketball Shoe Rotation / Shoe for Next Year: Nike GT Cut

Advice to future Pius X Basketball Players: Become good friends with your teammates.



JR.BOLTS GOLF SCRAMBLE - AUGUST 14TH

2026

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BASKETBALL

GOLF SCRAMBLE

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LOCATION

Woodland Hills Golf Course, Eagle, NE

SCHEDULE

Check-in and Lunch | 12:30 PM

Shotgun Start | 2:00 PM

\$500 TEAM ENTRY COVERS:

✓ Golf

✓ Cart

✓ Lunch

✓ Welcome Gift

✓ Drink Tickets

✓ Award Ceremony (light apps and drinks)

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HOLE-IN-ONE CHALLENGE

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COME SUPPORT OUR CAUSE AS WE LOOK TO BUILD ON OUR GREAT FIRST YEAR OF A PROGRAM.

REGISTER YOUR TEAM

★ EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

✍ Flighted cash winners

✍ Multiple pin prizes

✍ On course games and competitions (come try and outshoot Coach Brill on our portable basketball hoop)

✍ On course vendors

✍ Silent auction with a few great options to bid on

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JR. BOLTS BASKETBALL TRYOUT TIMES

TRYOUTS FOR THE 2026-27 WINTER SEASON WILL BE
SUNDAY AUGUST 16TH AT PIUS X CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2ND - 3RD GRADE

12:00-1:30 PM

PARENT MEETING IN
COMMONS :
12:30-1:00 PM

4TH - 5TH GRADE

2:15-3:45 PM

PARENT MEETING IN
COMMONS :
2:45-3:15 PM

6TH - 8TH GRADE

4:30-6:00 PM

PARENT MEETING IN
COMMONS :
5:00-5:30 PM

PLEASE BRING A BASKETBALL, WATER BOTTLE AND BASKETBALL SHOES. JERSEY AND SHORT TRY-ON WILL OCCUR IN THE COMMONS PRIOR TO YOUR TRYOUT SO PLEASE PLAN TO COME EARLY.

PLEASE GO TO THE REGISTRATION LINK TO GET REGISTERED TODAY:

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