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Dear 7th and 8th grade parents:

The fall weather has arrived and it's that time of year again to think about basketball season. It is our good fortune here at St. Brigid that we have so much athletic involvement for both of our boys and girls teams. Since we have this great participation, it is necessary for a few changes to be made in the way we form our Southern Maine Catholic teams.

Southern Maine Catholic (SMC) is a team composed of students from both Holy Cross and St. Brigid schools which plays teams from neighboring towns, i.e. Windham and Westbrook. In the past, this SMC team has been reserved for 8th graders; beginning this year, in order for us to stay as competitive as possible in this league, any 7th or 8th grade student has the potential to play on our SMC team. On November 7th, a skill assessment will occur for all boys and girls interested in participating on the SMC team.

On the date of this skill assessment there will be a separate time for the boys and the girls to showcase their talents. I will be running this assessment and choosing the players which I feel will best represent SMC in the Southern Maine Middle School Athletic Conference. Parent volunteers will be coaching these SMC teams, that is why I will be the one making the decisions to alleviate the coaches of any pressures involved with choosing, or not choosing, their own children.

It is very important to note that even though a skill assessment will occur, no child will ever be denied the opportunity to play basketball this winter. For those not making, or not choosing to try out for the SMC team, St. Brigid also has a 7th and 8th grade team in the South Portland Boys and Girls Club league which begins November 28th.

It is imperative here at St. Brigid that we prepare our students for high school, both in the classroom and in athletics. It is very important to field the most competitive team possible so these students can be better prepared for high school athletics, an atmosphere which is extremely competitive in this area of the state.

As always, please direct any concerns or questions to me, my contact information is below. I thank you all in advance for your understanding of this matter.

Sincerely,

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