

# SHORTRIDGE



## BLUE DEVILS

INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Winter Sports Wrap Up

The winter sports season has drawn to a close and Shortridge Magnet High School has a lot to be proud of.

#### Girls Basketball

The girls' varsity basketball team finished with a record of 17-5 for the season. They were the PAAC conference champs. We had an All-City player in Jenee' Peterson. The girls had a tough loss in the sectional to the number two ranked team in the state, Heritage Christian. The team, no doubt, was talented enough to win many sectionals in the state. We have a nice core of girls coming back next season and look forward to an even better year. We have some talented middle school prospects and some Jr. Varsity players that received a lot of experience this season that should help us out in the near future.

#### Middle School Girls Basketball

The middle school girls' basketball completed their season on Saturday at Tech in the semi-finals of the City Tournament. They competed hard, but came up a little short against a very good Attucks team. The Tigers had beaten us by 35 points at the beginning of the season and our girls showed a lot of growth and determination to make this a very close game. We had the lead cut to 4 points with about 3 minutes to go in the game and finished losing by 8 points. This is very encouraging as most of these girls will be back as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade players next season. We can't wait to see them in action.

#### Boys Basketball

The boys' varsity basketball team quadrupled their wins from the past two seasons by winning 12 games. They were the PAAC champions under the first year coaching of Don Bowling II. The overall team record was 12-9 and this team showed great growth in just one season. Chris Jones was named to the Honorable Mention All-City Team. Coach Bowling is excited to get things rolling for next season already. The

sectional was a hard fought game with Park Tudor, the number one ranked team in the state at the time. Broad Ripple, who we lost to by only 8 points early in the season, knocked off Park Tudor. The future is looking bright for the boys basketball program. Add to the mix a great group of underclassmen and you can see why the coaching staff is excited about the up-coming season. There will be lots of summer work going on to insure even better results for next season. This is the first year that we have been able to sustain a full schedule for varsity, jr. varsity and freshman basketball. This is awesome because it gives us a chance to develop more young men into solid players for our program.

### Middle School Boys Basketball

The middle school boys' basketball team competed well this season and won a majority of their games. They finished the year by making it to the semi-finals of the City Tournament, but the team was defeated by a well coached Broad Ripple team. Coach Bowling was very pleased with the development of the team. He can't wait to get them into camp with the high school boys to bring them along in the Bowling method of winning basketball.

### Wrestling

The wrestling program, in its first year of existence in both the high school and the middle school, experienced great growth in both experience and ability. While our high school team was low on numbers, the guys got a lot of experience on the mats in both the practice room and tournament action. They traveled to Providence High School and competed in the varsity city tournament. What is exciting is that they weathered the storm of a first-year program and are already coming in to do off-season workouts.

### Middle School Wrestling

This group of young men took to the mats and really raised some eyebrows in the middle school league. They finished the season with a team record 9-2 and placed runners-up to Northwest in the Middle School City Tournament with only eight wrestlers competing out of nineteen weight divisions. WOW!!! A job well done! Congratulations boys!

"Face your deficiencies and acknowledge them. But, do not let them master you." -Helen Keller