

Dear Upward Parents,

Greetings! We hope this message finds you well. We are actively planning for our 15th Upward Basketball and Cheerleading season with games beginning in January 2022. Registration will be open starting on October 1, 2021. Given the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we wanted to take this time to share our current thoughts on the upcoming season. We are cautiously optimistic about our ability to have our 15th season in 2022. At the same time, we are mindful that the safety of our community is of upmost importance and we plan to monitor conditions as they evolve and then make appropriate changes if needed.

For those of you that have participated in Upward at Trinity Presbyterian Church in the past, it will look much different this season as we plan to make changes for the safety of all participants, their families and our volunteers. Most significantly, to accommodate social distancing safety guidelines and given our facility limitations, we have made the difficult decision to reduce the size of the league to around 160-180 participants this season. This will enable us to play 1 game per hour (i.e. no simultaneous games) reducing the total number of people in the gym and also allowing time between games for facility cleaning. We plan to have four divisions: 1st- 2nd Grade Girls, 1st- 2nd Grade Boys, 3rd- 4th Grade Girls, and 3rd- 4th Grade Boys. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis; however, priority will be given to those parents who plan to serve as head coaches, particularly returning coaches.

Other changes include:

- Registration will be online only, no paper registration and no in person registration
- No uniform sizing, parents will select uniform size during online registration
- Evaluations will be modified to accommodate social distancing guidelines
- Players will be asked to bring their own basketballs to evaluations and practice
- Game fan attendance may be limited (to be determined)
- Non-participants will not be allowed in the gym during practices
- Face coverings will be encouraged, but not required, for all non-participants while inside the building

Again, registration will begin online on October 1, 2021. The registration link can be found on the Trinity Presbyterian Church webpage (trinitysouthlake.org). After registration the next step is Player Evaluations scheduled for the following dates:

- Player Evaluation Schedule & Information
 - 1st Graders: Monday, November 1st between 6:00pm-7:30pm
 - 2nd Graders: Tuesday, November 2nd between 6:00pm-7:30pm
 - 3rd & 4th Graders: Thursday, November 4th between 6:00pm-7:30pm
 - Make-up Evaluations (all ages): Saturday, November 6th between 9:00am-12:00pm
 - Cheerleaders do not need to attend an evaluation
 - If you have multiple children in your family, they can all be evaluated at the same session.

Thank you and we look forward to getting back on the basketball court in 2022!

God Bless – John and Brian