



Eisenhower Middle / High School

Warren County School District
RD 2, Box 2276 • Russell, Pennsylvania 16345-9406
Phone: 814/757-8878/8879 • FAX: 814/757-8516

KELLY M. MARTIN
PRINCIPAL

January 15, 2008

ERIC E. MINEWEASER
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mr. Jack Werner
Supervisor of Athletics
Warren County School District
185 Hospital Drive
North Warren, PA 16365

Dear Jack,

The administration and athletic department of Eisenhower Middle High School would like the Athletic Committee of the Warren County School District to consider the following request.

We would like the school district to look in to the possibility of renting the gymnasium at the Calvary Chapel School in Russell for the months of December, January, February and March.

We feel our students athletes are put at a huge disadvantage because of the lack of gym space and gym time. Currently we have a horrible time trying not only to schedule games, but our practice schedule is unrealistic. Most schools we compete against along with those in the school district have a real advantage over us at this time. Most schools have multiple gyms which we also need to continue to be competitive.

Five years ago the Jr. High Boys and Girls basketball teams were scheduled to play at two different times of the year. The girls were put in the fall sports season and the boys in the winter sports season. Since that time the girl's program has flourished and the boy's has really struggled. We feel a major reason for that is gym time. In the fall there is time for our younger girl's to have normal two hour practices each day. They are able to play a full schedule because of the availability of the gym. There is unlimited gym time in the fall. Only Varsity Volleyball needs the gym along with the Jr. High Girls in that season. In the winter it is just the opposite. Any extra gym time is a luxury. Our Jr. High Boys have a limited game schedule and practice time. This is very unfair to them. The Jr. High Boys are given about one third of the time we are able to give the girls for the same sport.

Trying to fit two Varsity, two Junior Varsity and two Jr. High Boys Basketball teams along with a Varsity, Junior Varsity and Jr. High Wrestling team in the gym is nearly impossible. With all of our in season and out of season teams wanting gym time the facility is scheduled most nights until 9:30-10 o'clock.

If able to use the full size gym at CC for the winter months it would allow the following:

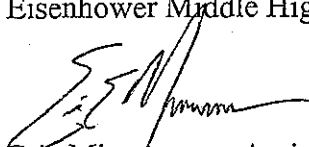
- *Give our JH Boys Basketball team a full practice time each day.
- *Give our JH Boys Basketball team a full game schedule.
- *Give our Varsity teams a place to practice when other scheduled events are in the main gym.
- *Give our out of season teams, softball/baseball a place to workout.
- *Enable us to erect a batting cage for our spring sports. This is something we are unable to do currently at EHS.
- *Give relief to practicing until late at night.

We hope you will consider this request to help the student athletes at Eisenhower Middle High School. At this time Warren has Beaty, the Elementary Center, St. Joes, Holy Redeemer and the YMCA available for practices and some games. Youngsville has their Elementary and Middle School to practice and play in. We are just looking for a solution to our current problem.

Sincerely,



Kelly Martin, Principal
Eisenhower Middle High School



Eric Mineweaser, Assistant Principal
Eisenhower Middle High School



Tom Santo, Athletic Director
Eisenhower Middle High School