

ON THE COURT

What the people involved think about their unified basketball season

Sports are one of the best ways for students to get involved in the Castle View spirit. Even if it is just going to games, it can grow school spirit to cheer on your favorite teams. One of those teams to cheer on is this year's unified basketball team.

This year, the unified basketball team has been working hard and many of the members are very happy about their season. Those people include both leaders of the team and players that are proud of how their season is going.

One of the coaches of unified basketball is Mrs. Nicole Jones. She is very excited to be part of this year's team and likes the experience.

"As a coach, I love to watch my athletes working together and cheering each other on," said Jones. "I love the idea of my students having their team. They have a lot of pride in their team and in each other."

One of these players that is proud of how their season is going is freshman Jacob Piotrowski. He is happy with the team's performance.

"I like playing basketball a lot because I have been playing for a long time," Piotrowski said. "I've been in it for a long time because I like playing; I like being part of a team."

Another player that is excited about being on this team is



HERE AS ONE : Teacher and coach Mrs. Nicole Jones talks on how coaching her team's season is going thus far. "It is going well because we have a lot of participation and the athletes are really improving on their skills," said Jones. "We would love to have more fans show up and cheer them on."

freshman Ty Cover. He is looking forward to the rest of the season.

"[I joined because] I thought it would be a lot of fun," said Cover. "[The season is] awesome, but we lost last night."

Events like these have the possibility to greaten the bond we have with our peers and even the bond with the whole school. School pride is a big part of Castle View's culture and unified sports are a big part of that pride.

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GOLF CRISIS

Golf practice has been put on hold due to bad weather

Practice for girls winter golf has been put on hold due to bad weather. With courses closed due to snowed out weather, the varsity golf team is having to find practice time on their own. Junior varsity player Morgan Frieling faces problems this season such as finding practice time in the snow.

"It's really hard to get practice when the weather is crazy and all the courses are closed," said Frieling.

Marissa Garcia, a senior on varsity golf, has big plans this year. One goal of hers being to make it to state this year.

"[My] goals for this season are to shoot low 80s, go to state and get ready for college," said Garcia.

With snowy days reaching the end of February, players are still finding ways to prepare for the golf season.

"Normally every season we run into weather issues. If it snowed, all the courses are closed and we can't practice or play in tournaments. Usually during the first week of tryouts, we are in the library going over golf rules. It's really

frustrating because all the girls put in all the hard work just to have our tournaments canceled and it is hard for the schools to reschedule the tournaments because we have tournaments every week," said Frieling.

Practice being canceled makes it hard for coaches and players to build relationships, but that doesn't mean there isn't effort on course.

"Coach definitely helps us get practice. He drives around with us during rounds and sits with us at the driving range. He also likes to keep everyone safe so if the weather's not looking the best, he chooses to cancel practice or end practice sooner," said Frieling.

The golf team is going to have to get used to a change in coaching with a new assistant coach, Scott Hedges entering the scene replacing the previous assistant coach.

"We haven't had any problems with the team, yet we just got a new JV coach so we are trying to adjust with that," said Garcia.

As winter ends, players still focus on practicing when golf is out of season.

"I play in tournaments over the summer that are not a part of the school. I also take private lessons with a private coach. I sometimes go up to Topgolf or I go to the putting green that my dad built in my basement," said Frieling.

With all courses being closed, going to Topgolf and getting practice during the off-season can be a good idea for becoming a better player. Practice is necessary for Frieling, who has big plans for the future.

"I hope to qualify for state and continue competing with other schools. It's my junior year so I know that colleges are looking at me right now and I know going into the season this is going to be my most important year," said Frieling.

Snow days on practice may negatively impact players, but the golf team doesn't let that stop them as they take on the season.

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