



1 FOUL. Tayvis Sagrillo-Smiley (12) keeps his eye on the basket as he goes up for a free throw. "My favorite part of playing basketball is knowing that the sky's the limit and there is so much I need to work on to improve my skills and become the best player I can be" said Sagrillo-Smiley. Known for his high scoring, Sagrillo-Smiley had the highest average points per game. *photo by Holly Rossman*

2 JUMP BALL. Senior, Kailer Bertram holds the ball tight against a two man trap. "I love the dynamic of playing with my best friends like Tay, my favorite thing is to throw an alley oop to him!" said Bertram. The Lions played great against D'Evelyn High Schools strong defense.

photo by Holly Rossman

3. ROAR! The crowd goes wild. Larry Fahn (11) said, "I really like to see Tay dunk and watch Reid Burrito play." Many Littleton students showed up to support the boys in a competitive game against Wheatridge High School. *photo by Holly Rossman*

4. PRESSURES. Junior Reid Fornstrom is congratulated by teammates after making a free throw. Fornstrom mentioned, "There's always pressure shooting free throws but you have to block it out and focus on the game. I love the energy that comes from the crowd." Fornstrom held the highest average assists per game and had a great free throw percentage. *photo by Alexa Rapp*

5. REBOUND! Reed Fritz (11) goes up for the rebound and snatches the ball. Fritz said, "It's a lot more fun to play basketball at Littleton because it's more about playing than winning or making state." As a transfer student new to the team this year, Fritz was a valuable asset. *photo by Holly Rossman*



HEAD IN THE GAME

varsity boys basketball plays loud and proud for packed gyms

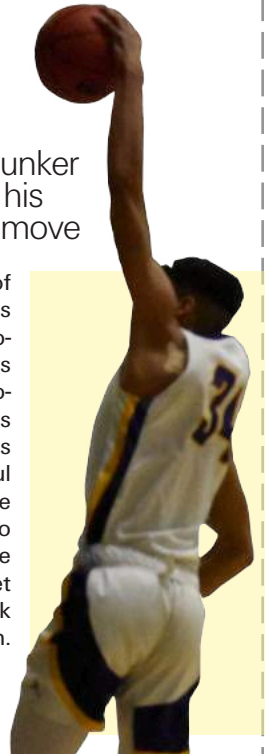
This basketball season proved to be challenging for many of the players. The varsity season was split between wins and losses, and with significant improvements in skills, the boys truly earned their wins. Seniors, like Tayvis Sagrillo Smiley, lead the competition on the court and pushed their teammates to work hard in games. Sagrillo Smiley mentioned, "I think the season has been better than past seasons and we started out strong." Starting out strong meant bringing in even stronger fans. The boys truly brought in the Lion fans, creating rowdy crowds cheering them on at every opportunity. Lions roared in support of their boys on the court. Between continuous dunks, three pointers, epic steals, and an intense love for the game, fans were never without something to cheer about. The chemistry between the players was evident especially against Conifer, which ended with a score of 60-52, and against Kennedy, a game ending with a score of 68-46. This season was just one of the reasons to share Lion Pride in and out of the gym.



DUNK TANK

varsity's rockstar dunker describes his signature move

One of the most exciting parts of going to boys Varsity games was witnessing Tayvis Sagrillo-Smiley dunk the ball. "Dunking is exhilarating," said Sagrillo-Smiley. "It feels like two seconds of flight, and once the ball leaves your hands it's such powerful satisfaction. It's definitely the best looking way to get two points." Sagrillo Smiley got the whole crowd on their feet whenever he pulled off a dunk this season.



MAMBA MENTALITY

students speak on the death of Kobe Bryant

"I think it's obviously a tragedy to see anyone passing, I mean he did so much for the NBA and he had so much talent. It's really sad to see him go," reflected sophomore Sid McMillan.



"I'm sad about it, like this month has just been tough, and it's definitely another blow, especially because he impacted so many people," said senior Mackenzie Schwartz



the **one** who mastered D&D
Elizabeth Garcia (10)



"Dungeons and Dragons is my favorite thing to do"

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