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BIDDY BALL 2024-2025

Registration opens 9/1

Biddy Ball will begin on 11/16 and run through 2/16. Registration will be open from 9/1 - 10/27.

HOUSE 2024-2025

Super Sunday is March 9

House Basketball will begin on 11/9 and run through 3/9. Registration will be open from 9/1 - 10/27.

TRAVEL 2024-2025

Tryouts begin 10/7

Travel tryout registration is open now. Tryouts run the weeks of 10/7 and 10/14. See more on Page 2.



ANNUAL SUMMER CAMPS A SUCCESS

Coach Mac Camp, Rob Coloney Basketball Camp (RCBC), and the RBA Youth Camp welcomed over 400 campers this summer. The annual summer camps affiliated with both the RBA and Ridgefield High School basketball programs (Coach Mac Camp & RCBC) welcomed campers for three weeks each, providing basketball instruction, competition, fun, and camaraderie while keeping a basketball in the hands of our community. Campers were led by

players from the high school programs, to build fellowship while continuing to bridge the gap between the youth basketball community/RBA, and the high school programs. More information on the upcoming season for the high school programs can be found in this newsletter. If you're preparing early for next summer, make a note of these dates:

Save the dates for 2025 camps:

Coach Mac Camp: weeks of July 7, 14, & 21

RCBC: weeks of July 28, August 4 & 11



NBA TROPHY AT CAMP

Thanks to Coach Materasso, the Larry O'Brien trophy and some NBA & NFL championship rings visited boys and girls camp!

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2024 PROGRAMMING UPDATES



FALL YOUTH CLINICS

Led by the high school varsity coaches and their staffs/players, the RBA is pleased to announce the return of their annual Fall Youth Clinics, running four (4) sessions from the week of September 9th through the week of September 30th. Registration is open now on the RBA website and details on the clinics can be seen below.

PROGRAMS OPEN 9/1

Both Biddy Basketball and House Basketball registrations open on September 1 online (www.rbahoops.com) and will both run through the end of October. Mark your calendars with these important dates for each program:

Biddy

- 2nd Grade Tourney, March 1, 2025

House

- Evaluations, November 9, 2024
- Practices start, November 18, 2024
- Super Sunday, March 9, 2025

Travel Basketball Tryout Info Announced

Registration for 2024-2025 RBA Travel Basketball is now open on the RBA website. Detailed tryout information can be found at www.rbahoops.com/travel. There is no charge to sign up for tryouts. Each grade will have two (2) tryouts over a two-week span. There will be a parent meeting at the first tryout for each grade, led by an RBA Board Member, to outline the travel procedure and important things to note.

RBA Travel Tryout Dates

- Monday, 10/7
 - 4th Grade #1
- Tuesday, 10/8
 - 7th & 8th Grade #1
- Thursday, 10/10
 - 5th & 6th Grade #1
- Monday, 10/14
 - 7th & 8th Grade #2 (Boys only)
- Tuesday, 10/15
 - 5th & 6th Grade #2
- Wednesday, 10/16
 - 7th & 8th Grade #2 (Girls only)
- Thursday, 10/17
 - 4th Grade #2

Want to become a coach or official?

Fill out the form at www.rbahoops.com/coachandref

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



KOMD to host annual benefit

Cures are incredibly expensive and we need help to score one (or even a three) for Conner!

The might of the basketball community can help build strength for kids with Duchenne and beat that shot clock for a win!

KOMD is hosting their amazing **Annual Benefit on September 14, 2024, at Captain Lawrence Brewery in Elmsford, NY** - Gather a group together and be there to make a difference in Conner's life!

For tickets and more information: www.kindnessovermd.org/events.

We hope to see you there!



RBA & KOMD Team Up

The RBA and Kindness Over Muscular Dystrophy (KOMD), a foundation established by Ridgefield residents to combat Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, have partnered together to support one another and build awareness around the disease which impacts one of the members of our youth community, Conner Curran. To date, the foundation has raised over 2 million dollars to support cutting-edge research to find a cure in time for Conner and so many kids like him.

This winter, the boys and girls basketball programs will play a doubleheader at Ridgefield High School that will be their **KOMD game - and serve as a fundraiser for this wonderful cause. Come out and support on Tuesday, January 21 against Fairfield Warde.**

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**COMING
SOON**

*Hetch's Bagel Promotion
New Online Store
Sponsorship Opportunities
Special Events*

RBA Travel Coaches Set

The RBA is excited to welcome the following coaches to the sidelines for the 2024-2025 Travel Season!

Boys

4th Grade

- AJ Romeo

5th Grade

- John Luchessi, Michael Schreck

6th Grade

- Joe Griffin, Sean Sosa

7th Grade

- Dan Volz, Bill Anderson

8th Grade

- Andrew McClellan

Girls

4th Grade

- Harold Moroknek, Matt Gorman

5th Grade

- Dave Mack

6th Grade

- Drew Matsen

7th Grade

- Sean Ford

8th Grade

- Rob Coloney



Building Bridges through Basketball & Financial Literacy

The Bridgeport YMCA recently organized a meaningful community outreach program for youth in one of Bridgeport's toughest neighborhoods. Over the course of eight weeks, these young participants were empowered with life and financial literacy skills, thanks to Ridgefield's own Bonnie Humphrey. As a highlight of the outreach, the YMCA teamed up with the Ridgefield Basketball Association to host a special one-day clinic at Yanity Gym. Coaches and players from Ridgefield's boys and girls teams joined in, making it a day filled with basketball, games, and fellowship. It was a fun and enriching experience that brought our communities closer together.

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HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS PLAN EXCITING '24-'25



Boys & Girls Announce DHs for '25; Boys invited to HOF; Girls to play 2 in WeHa

For the last two seasons, the boys and girls varsity programs have played seven doubleheaders - more than any other team in the state. To continue this cohesion of basketball in our community, please see the '24-'25 double headers (3) as well as other games of note for both programs, below:

- **Girls Varsity - Overnight Holiday Tournament @ Conard - December 27 & 28, 2024**
 - Location: Conard High School; Opponents: TBD
- **Boys Varsity - Hall of Fame Game @ Springfield College - January 12, 2025**
 - Location: Springfield College; Opponent: Santa Barbara (CA)
- **Double Header #1 - January 21, 2025 (KOMD Game)**
 - Location: Ridgefield High School
 - Opponent: Fairfield Warde
- **Double Header #2 - January 31, 2025 (Rivalry Night)**
 - Location: Wilton High School
 - Opponent: Wilton
- **Double Header #3 - February 3, 2025 (Bob DiNardo Memorial)**
 - Location: Western Connecticut State University
 - Opponent: Danbury

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