

SINK IT!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Our girls played hard, and their efforts were well rewarded. The team had one of the best lineups this year! The team focused on practicing and winning, but also treated each other like a family. Once they got to know each other, they made many new and close friends. Friendships were one of the main focuses of the team; a team without passion, where people didn't know each other, wouldn't ever be able to play a sport like basketball, where teamwork and coordination on the court are paramount. They had many events where they got to know each other, such as potlucks and social gatherings.

Girls Basketball is a physically demanding sport. The point of basketball is to shoot the ball into the basket, depending on where you shoot, the points will change. A 3-pointer is from the farthest line, and also the highest amount of points you can get. A 2-point shot is anything closer to the net than the 3-point. 1-point shots are penalty shots, which occur via fouls. The player that was fouled gets to shoot twice. In basketball, you cannot move while grabbing the ball — you cannot "travel." You must dribble the ball, which requires excellent hand-eye coordination and balance!



Fina Tuha (11)



Tia Pan (10)



Kylee Falatea (10)



Jasmine Fehoko (12) gets a free throw. A free throw is an attempt at a basket worth one point. Free throws are awarded after a foul on the shooter by the opposing team. They are similar to penalty shots in other sports.

FREE THROW



Fina Tuha (11) is poised to pass the ball to her teammates.



Coach Olosoaa Solovi gives a pep talk to the team during downtime.

DEFENSE!

The Girls Basketball team worked hard, and it showed through their passionate plays and energetic cheers. Defense was one of the strong suits of this year; the team’s tactic was to stay spread apart, where each player covered someone else. Once the enemy had the ball, they spread out over the entire court, and prevented their opponent inwards towards the hoop.



Tia Pan (10), number 23, watches her opponent’s movements closely.

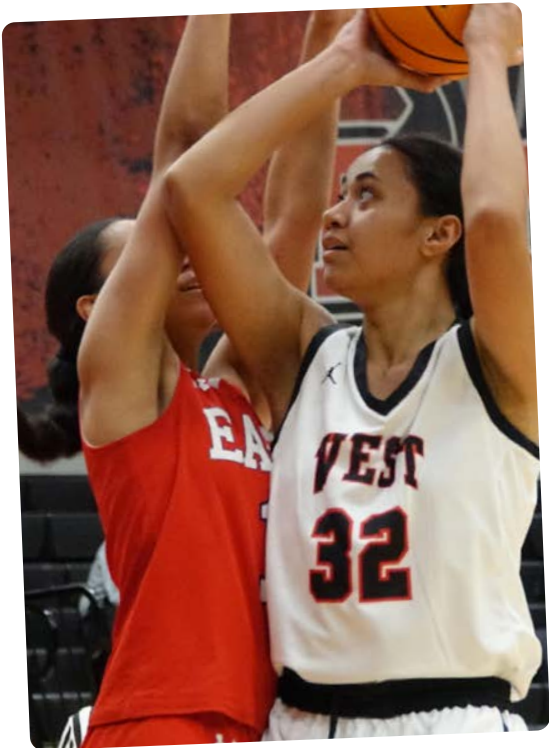


CAPTAIN SPOTLIGHT

One of the team captains, Lau Pele “Kylee” Falatea (10), was respected as an excellent leader. Her motivation came from the opportunity to be someone her teammates looked up to. “This community means a lot to me, you know — I love being a part of this culture and this basketball team,” she said. She played point guard on the team, wearing the number three on her jersey.



Kylee Falatea (10) corners her opponent, who has the ball in possession, while teammate Tia Pan (10) backs her up from behind.



Atelaite Latu (10) prepares to shoot the ball.



Kylee Falatea (10), unhindered by her opponent, dashes across the field.