



## 2023 Polar Bear Classic - Team Packet

Welcome and thank you for choosing to participate in our annual youth basketball tournament.

We have a great collection of teams from all over Northern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, and we look forward to seeing your team at the PBC.

This packet includes:

- General Tournament Information
- Tournament Rules
- Game Rules
- Location of Jackson High School in Massillon, Ohio
- Location of Jackson Memorial Middle School and Sauder Elementary in Massillon, Ohio
- Location of Jackson Strausser Elementary
- Area Restaurant List

Concessions stands will be available at each location.

A limited number of commemorative T-shirts will be sold on a first come-first served basis for \$20 each. Shirts are long-sleeve dri-fit material.

Awards:

Individual trophies will be awarded to the champion and runners up in each grade level and each division. An MVP award will also be presented to an individual player in each division.

Any questions, please feel free to contact:

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## 2023 Polar Bear Classic - General Information

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| Dates:                 | February 11 -12, 2023 (Sat – Sun)  |
| Teams:                 | Boys 3rd grade, 4th grade (A and B), 5th grade (A and B), 6th grade (A and B) divisions. Larger (D1/D2) school districts/communities are expected to have at least one (1) team in the A division. Additional teams from the same district/community may play in the B division.   |
| Location:              | Jackson High School, Jackson Middle School, Jackson Strausser Elementary and Jackson Sauder Elementary. All gyms only minutes away from each other.<br>3 game guarantee, 2 are played on first day and used for seeding bracket play on day two.   |
| Entry Fee:             | <b>\$250.00</b> per team. Please pay during the online registration process if possible. Cost is \$225.00 per team if your organization sends 3 or more teams to the tournament. If paying by check, make payable to “JYBA.” Mail completed registration & roster (created when you register online) and your check to:<br>JYBA Attn: Polar Bear Classic<br>P.O. Box 36046, Canton, OH 44735 |
| Registration Deadline: | <b>February 1, 2023 or first come basis until full.</b> Register early to secure your spot, we do sell out most years.   |

**All Registrations Must be Completed on Our Website!**

<https://www.jacksonbasketball.com/Tournaments/Registration.aspx>

All division brackets and game schedules will be posted on **Tourney Machine** the weekend prior to the tournament. No mailings will be sent.

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| Team Eligibility:    | <b>Community Teams</b> constructed of players (a) residing in the same public high school district and, if they remain in their current residence, would attend the same public high school building (b) players electing to attend the same private elementary or middle school. The tournament director reserves the right to review all rosters and make the final determination as to compliance with this rule. Players must be in the designated grade or younger (i.e., a 5th grade player may play on a 6th grade team). <b>Report cards or other info may be requested for verification.</b> |
| Tournament Rosters:  | Must be filled out completely on the registration form at the time of registration. Team rosters are limited to 12 players and 2 coaches per team.  |
| Awards:              | Individual trophies will be awarded to the champion and runners up in each division. An MVP award will also be presented to an individual player in each division.  |
| Spectator Fee:       | \$5 / day for adults, \$3 / day for school aged children, pre-school and under are free. Each team’s head coach and one assistant coach will receive free admission. Any additional coaches are required to pay.  |
| Tournament Director: | Rob Hite, <a href="mailto:tournaments@jacksonbasketball.com">tournaments@jacksonbasketball.com</a> , 513.543.2639   |

## 2023 Polar Bear Classic - Tournament Rules

- Format:** Pool – Play Format. Each team guaranteed 3 games. All teams advance to bracket play. Seeding done after two games played on first day. The Tournament Director reserves the right to cancel games if weather or unforeseen circumstances arise.
- Insurance:** Each organization and individual participant in the tournament must be covered by their own insurance policy(ies).
- Uniforms:** Each team must supply their own jerseys with numbers on both front and back, if possible. If two teams have the same color jersey, the visiting team must change color. Home team will be listed first on schedule.
- Equipment:** Ten (10) foot baskets will be used in all divisions. Youth basketballs (28.5" high school girls) will be used. Each player must carry their game shoes into the gym.
- Reporting:** Games will start up to 10 minutes early if the prior game ends early.
- Tie Breakers / Pool Play:**
1. Overall record (if tied, move to 2)
  2. Total point differential for pool play games, max +/- 15 per game (if still tied, move to 3)
  3. Least number of points given up during pool play (if still tied move to 4)
  4. Total number of points scored during pool play (if still tied move to 5)
  5. Coin flip
- (In case of a forfeit, the score will be recorded as a 15-0 win for the team who showed up, and a 0-15 loss for the team who forfeited.)*
- Scheduling:** Game schedules will be updated and posted on **Tourney Machine**. We will post all results at the conclusion of each game. It will be your responsibility to check the app for the time and location of your next game. There is a line on our roster/registration form for indicating special scheduling requests. We will attempt to schedule around reasonable requests that are indicated on our form, such as personal obligations or other league games. However, we cannot attempt to schedule around another weekend tournament or make changes after our schedule is finalized. Any team forfeiting a game due to another basketball tournament conflict will not be permitted to enter our tournament the following year.
- Ejections:** Any player, coach, or fan ejected from a game will be asked to leave the gymnasium for the balance of that game and will be suspended for the following game and may not be in the gym during that game.



## 2023 Polar Bear Classic - Game Rules

- Rules:** Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) rules apply, except where noted.
- Officials:** Once the game begins, the officials control the game. The Tournament Director and site directors have **no** authority to overrule an official's ruling except in interpretation of tournament rules. No protests!
- Scorekeepers:** The tournament will provide a timekeeper and scorekeeper for each game. The official scorebook will be kept at the scorer's table.
- Game Length:** All Grades - Games will consist of **two 18-minute halves**. The clock will run continuously except for timeouts, injuries, and the final 2 minutes of each half where it will stop on all whistles. There will be a 4-minute halftime.
- Overtime (all grades) - The first overtime period shall be 2-minutes. In pool play, the second overtime period shall be sudden death. The first team to score in the second overtime wins. In bracket play, teams play as many 2-minute overtimes as needed.
- Timeouts:** Each team receives three (3) full 1-minute time-outs per game and one additional time-out for each overtime period. Unused timeouts do not carry over into the OT periods.
- Defenses:** All Grades - Any form of defense is permitted. A team may not full court press if it is leading by 15 points or more. When pressing is not permitted, the first illegal attempt to do so will result in a warning. The second and all subsequent violations will result in a 2-shot technical foul.
- 3rd & 4th Grade** - Full court press is allowed in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the game.  
**5th & 6th Grade** - Full court press is permitted the entire game.
- Mercy Rule:** If the lead exceeds 20 points, the clock will run continuously in the final 2 minutes until the team reduces the deficit to 20 points or less.
- Foul Shooting:** All divisions shoot from the regulation 15-foot foul line. The 1 and 1 bonus will start with the 7<sup>th</sup> team foul of the half and a 2-shot bonus will start with the 10<sup>th</sup> team foul of the half.
- 3rd & 4th Grades** - Shooter is permitted to cross the line on a follow-thru but cannot continue into the lane and actively try to get the rebound. Should the ball bounce all the way back to the shooter, or the ball is tapped back to the shooter, the play is considered live with no violation.
- 5th & 6th Grades** - Shooter cannot cross the line on a follow-thru.
- Benches:** A maximum of **three coaches** will be permitted on the bench during games.
- Court Use:** To ensure that games remain on time, **ONLY** players from the scheduled game are permitted to use the court. This includes halftime and time outs.

## Location of Jackson High School

Address: [7600 Fulton Rd. NW, Massillon, Ohio 44646](https://www.google.com/maps/place/7600+Fulton+Rd,+NW,+Massillon,+OH+44646)

Please enter the through the rear of the building by using door 16W.



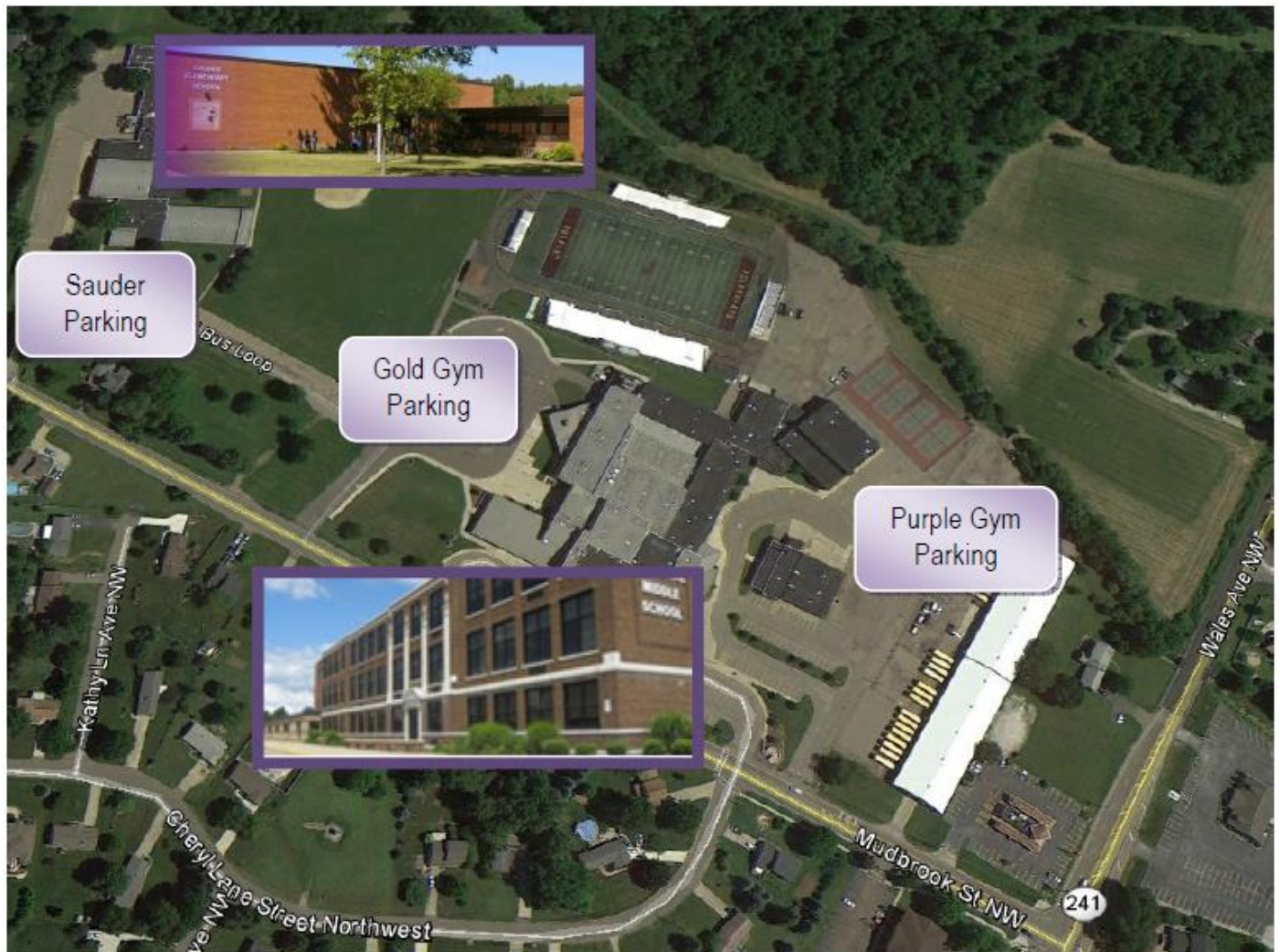


## Location of Jackson Memorial Middle School and Sauder Elementary

Middle School Address: [7355 Mudbrook Road NW, Massillon, Ohio 44646](https://www.google.com/maps/place/7355+Mudbrook+Road+NW,+Massillon,+OH+44646)

Sauder Elementary Address: [7503 Mudbrook Road NW, Massillon, Ohio 44646](https://www.google.com/maps/place/7503+Mudbrook+Road+NW,+Massillon,+OH+44646)

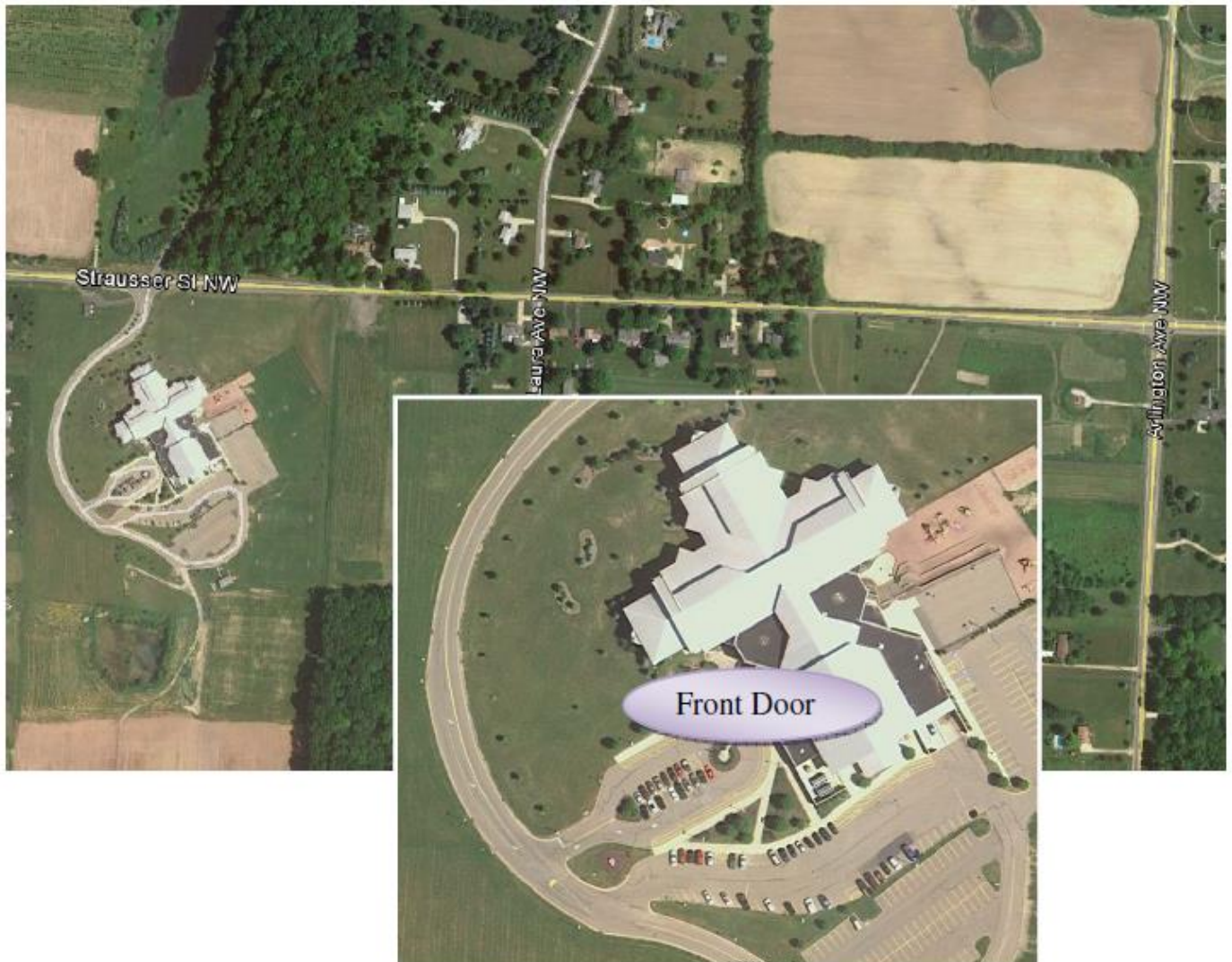
Please enter Middle School Gold Gym thru west side and Middle School Purple Gym thru east side. Sauder's entrance is on the west side of the school.



## Location of Strausser Elementary

Address: [8646 Strausser St. NW, Massillon, Ohio 44646](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8646+Strausser+St,+NW,+Massillon,+OH+44646)

Please drive around the back of the school and use the front doors.





## Where to Eat

Here are some restaurants located minutes away from the tournament facilities. Many other options are available in the Belden Village area 10 minutes to the east of the high school.

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| 1. Subway    | 2. El Rincon Mexican | 3. Bosco's Pizza              | 4. Swenson's Drive-In | 5. Sonic / Taco Bell | 6. 3 Brothers Sports Grill |
| 7. Buehler's | 8. Mint Asian Bistro | 9. Starbuck's / Jersey Mike's | 10. Pizza Hut         | 11. McDonald's       |                            |

