



# I AM THIRD BASKETBALL TEAM

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## INFORMATION PACKET

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Mark 9:37

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## BYMC Mission

The mission of the Bridge Youth Ministry Center is to be a source of community strengths, meeting the needs of youth through programs, activities, facilities, and events that help youth develop in healthy ways while at the same time reaching out to them in the name of Jesus to draw them into a relationship with Him.

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As a means of expanding our Faith and Fitness program and providing another means to witness to students, The Bridge Youth Ministry Center has added a basketball team for 12-18 year old students. Our focus is to use the “I am Third” credo in everything we do. For example, we run the first 3 suicide drills for **God**, the next 3 for **others** and the final 3 for **ourselves**. We have 4 coaches who volunteer their time to provide a positive adult role model for these kids. Each love basketball, but they love our Bridge kids even more.

We are looking for students who want to be part of team, love basketball, but most importantly are committed to the “I am Third” goals. Players will commit to taking care of themselves, respecting others, respecting the Bridge, being on-time, being on task, listening and following directions to the best of their ability, committing to participate in a team Service project and committing to be involved with Thursday Couch time, a 20-minute devotional, when involved at Drop-in.

We will have two teams that will practice once a week and have a game once a week. The “Monday” High School team will play a game on Monday at Faith Reformed Church (Central and Taft), and practice on Thursday’s at the Bridge. The “Thursday” Middle School team will practice on Monday’s at the Bridge (5 pm) and play on Thursdays at the Bridge. Show up time is 6:30 pm and the games will start approx. 7:00. The season will start on December 1 and end in late February. Our schedule consists of games against other non-profits, some schools, teachers, youth leaders, businesses and local youth groups.

The actual schedule will come out in the next few weeks.

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## **Purpose of the Bridge Basketball:**

To deepen our relationships with 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students met through Drop-In, other Bridge programming, or school-related recommendations.

To teach students that God comes First, others come Second, and they come Third, (J.O.Y.) all within the context of a love for basketball.

### **How to succeed:**

- Practice
- Games
- Community Service
- Couch Time
- A focused lifestyle of "I am Third" outside the walls of the Bridge.

### **Program Eligibility:**

- \*And/or enrolled in Zeeland Schools  
NOTE: Cannot be on a school-sponsored basketball team
- \*Special circumstances available for students recommended by a Bridge Youth Ministry Center ministry partner
- \*Signed and Agreed to the Student Contract

***I am Third Basketball Team***  
**PARENT RELEASE FORM**

**Activity:** Bridge Basketball Team

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Name:**

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete Address:**

**Day Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Email Address:**

**Parent Email Address:**

**Attending School:**

**Student's Birthday:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Physician:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physician's Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medication(s) required, physical or medical conditions we should be aware of (allergies, back problems, educational exceptionalities etc.) (Medications can be administered at The Bridge if required!)**

In order to ensure that every reasonable effort will be made to emphasize and provide a safe learning environment, I [parent/guardian] \_\_\_\_\_, give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ [name of child] to participate in the above mentioned activity. I understand that although the program has taken precautions to provide proper organization, supervision, instruction, and equipment for each activity, it is impossible for the program to guarantee absolute safety. Furthermore, I, the undersigned, will hold the Bridge Youth Ministry Center harmless for any and all injuries suffered in the course of this activity. I agree to comply with all instructions and directions of Bridge staff and volunteers during my son/daughter's participation. Moreover, I agree to uphold ongoing communication between Bridge staff and myself about the needs of my son/daughter. Additionally, I give my consent to allow my son/daughter to complete a survey and evaluation at the conclusion of the program with the knowledge that confidentiality will be upheld.

**Signed (Student):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed (Parent/Guardian):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please bring completed form with you to the activity and give to Jed.** If you have any questions, please call or contact the Bridge Youth Ministry Center:  
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# Student Contract for the Bridge Basketball Team

## "I am Third"

I \_\_\_\_\_, the student, agree to read, understand, and abide by the following principles while participating on the Bridge Basketball Program. I understand that participating on the team is a privilege and not a right, so my involvement is dependant on me doing each of the following:

1. Take care of myself.
2. Respect others.
3. Respect this place.
4. Be on time for ALL activities.
5. Be on task.
6. Listen to directions.
7. Commit to participating on a team Service project
8. Commit to involvement at Couch time each Thursday prior to practice - \*If you come to Drop-In, then you come to Couch time. \*Exceptions must be approved by Nate or Jed.

**The Bridge Youth Ministry Center policies will be followed and enforced at all times.**

**NOTE:** *If any player fails to meet any of these requirements, they may be asked to forfeit the program. Further, all players must be committed to being a positive role model while on the team. Therefore, any player on suspension from school will also forfeit the program. Bridge Basketball coaches [Nate DeKoster and Jed Mulder] reserve final say in all of these matters.*

I have read and understand all of these conditions, and with my signature I agree to them.

Student's Name:(print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name:(print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Students are responsible for the care of their own property. The Bridge Ministry Center will not be responsible for personal property.

**This form may be duplicated, re-dated, and reused as required by The Bridge Staff.**