

Program History
(Comprehensive)
From Dormat to Dominant

Girl's basketball, including a suspension of the sport, at St Joseph Central Catholic High School can be traced to the 1973-74 school year. That original program continued for a decade or through the 1982-83 school year. At that time, for reasons unknown, perhaps because of a lack of interest, the sport was discontinued. The team picture in the school 1983 yearbook shows only six players. The suspension continued through the winter of 1996-97.

In 1997 the program was reactivated as a JV sport, and continued as such for three seasons or through the 1999-2000 school year. In 2000, basketball was upgraded to a varsity status.

Seven or eight players, depending on the source consulted, reported for pre-season practice in that first varsity season. Before mid season, from injuries and academic ineligibility, the small band had been reduced to five.

Head Coach Charlie Bryant called an emergency meeting of players and their parents following a home game. He cut immediately to the chase as he looked at his deleted squad.

"There are only five of you now. If you want to continue to play I'll coach you." The response from both players and parents, was a resolute positive.

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