

# FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Community Unit School District 200

February 7, 2017

On Friday, March 10, Franklin Middle School is hosting its Fifth Annual Dodgeball Tournament. The theme of the 2017 event is “Service and Sacrifice.” With that theme in mind, the 2017 tournament will benefit the following charities and organizations: The DuPage Hundred Club; Team Red, White and Blue; the Pat Tillman Foundation; and Franklin Middle School.

The DuPage Hundred Club was established in 1982 and offers assistance to families of firefighters and law enforcement killed, injured, or otherwise stricken while working or living in DuPage County. Team Red, White and Blue is a veterans assistance organization with the mission of enriching the lives of America’s veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. Team RWB has done an amazing job of helping veterans cope with PTSD and its mission is aligned with Franklin Middle School’s emphasis on social/emotional learning. One would be hard pressed to come up with an example that better exemplifies “Service and Sacrifice” than the story of Pat Tillman, the professional football player who turned down a lucrative career and joined the U.S. Army in 2002, but was killed in Afghanistan in 2004. The Pat Tillman Foundation invests in military veterans and their spouses through academic scholarships with the ultimate goal of building a community of leaders committed to the service of others.

A popular and growing segment of this event has been the police/fire tournament made up of first responders from around Chicagoland. Last year, the Carol Stream Fire Protection District defeated a spirited group from the F.B.I. to replace the 2015 champions, Team “Black Shift” from the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District. To accommodate the size and the anticipated growth of this event, we have dedicated a separate time slot for teams in the police/fire bracket starting at 7:15 p.m. In addition, we are planning on hosting a post-event party for players and family members following the tournament at the Village Tavern. There is an entry fee of \$150 per team, six players minimum. Checks should be made out to Franklin Middle School and proceeds will be divided evenly among the four aforementioned organizations.

If you would like more information, please contact me at 630-643-2801. I will be happy to answer any questions. I hope you join Franklin Middle School in supporting the ideals of “Service and Sacrifice” to others.

Thank you for your consideration and support!



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