

# St. Ignace Saints

## Strong Nucleus To Carry on Tradition at LaSalle High School

Six strong returning players plus two transfer students will carry on the girls basketball program at LaSalle High School for Dorene Ingalls in her 11th season as the St. Ignace Saints head coach.

Doug Ingalls assists his wife as the Saints assistant coach.

The Saints return four seniors and two juniors after losing Amanda Coveyou, Marcie Rickley, and Kayla Gustin to graduation.

Seniors returning for their third and final season are Samantha Radecki (guard), Chelsea Swope (guard/forward), Mallory LaLonde (forward/center), and Kristen Olsen (forward).

Juniors returning for third varsity campaign are Nicole Elmlblad (guard/forward) and Grace Wheeler (guard). First-year players are transfer seniors Katy LaTour (center) from Linderhurst, Illinois and Emily Hepker (forward/center) from Manistique and juniors Anna St. Andrew (guard), and Mikaela Kelly (guard/forward).

"The returning athletes have played a lot of basketball together and that is a positive situation," said Coach Ingalls. "The new girls will fit in well and everyone has worked hard and will get better as the season goes on."

The Saints will play their traditional style of pressure defense



The St. Ignace Saints 2009-2010 varsity girls basketball team includes (front, from left) Mikaela Kelly-22, managers-Emily Hinsman, Morgan LaVake, and Jonathan Ingalls, Head Coach Dorene Ingalls, managers-Jackson Ingalls, Margo Brown, and Gabe Kreski, Anna St. Andrew-12; (back) Nicole Elmlblad-4, Chelsea Swope-32, Samantha Radecki-20, Emily Hepker-54, Assistant Coaches-Robin Kessinger, Marielle Calcaterra, and Doug Ingalls, Katy LaTour-10, Kristen Olsen-24, Mallory LaLonde-40, and Grace Wheeler-34.

that will lift the fast break opportunities. The run-and-gun style of play is what Ingalls has favored since she took over the varsity program in 1999.

Joining the Saints varsity coaching staff is Marielle Calcaterra, 2003 alumnus of LaSalle High School and 2009 graduate

of Michigan State University. She has a degree in dietetics, and hopes to work in community nutrition and outpatient services. Ms. Calcaterra will have to leave St. Ignace in mid-January for graduate school at Iowa State University.

"Marielle brings defensive

intensity to our program," said Coach Ingalls. "She can get out and still play by example."

Mandi Johnson will move from the varsity assistant position to the junior varsity program.

The Saints will compete for the Straits Area Conference

championship along with Cheboygan, Sault Ste. Marie, Rudyard, Rogers City, and Newberry. The team will play a non-league schedule that includes Gaylord, Pickford, Cedarville, Charlevoix, Manistique, Brimley, and two games at the Petoskey Tournament.

## Returning Players Will Lead St. Ignace Saints Boys Basketball

The St. Ignace Saints have two of the top players in the area returning in senior Gerrit Mortensen (guard) and junior Austin St. Louis (center/forward) that will help second-year coach Jason Marshall build a strong 2009-2010 squad.

The Saints lost starters Anthony Lester and Tyler Mapes to graduation. Mortensen is in his fourth varsity season and St. Louis in his third year. They will be joined by second-year seniors Evan Everson (guard/forward) and Kevin Guillard (forward). Junior Grant Simmons (forward/center) and Cole Christiansen (guard/forward) were moved up to the varsity last year late last season.

First-year varsity players are juniors Landon Marshall (guard) and Justin Visnaw (forward), sophomores Eric Hepker (guard) and Aaron Colegrove (forward), and freshman Curtis St. Louis (guard).

Coach Marshall, coaching at his alma mater, will look to his team for up-tempo offense, tough, strong pressure defense, and fast break opportunities.

"The players are positive and have worked hard and are very respectful," said Coach Marshall. "We will get better with playing time."

Rudyard and Cheboygan are the teams to beat for the Straits Area Conference championship, but St. Ignace will have a say in the league along with Rogers City, Sault Ste. Marie, and Newberry.

The Saints non-league schedule includes Cedarville, Pickford, Gaylord, Manistique, Pellston, and East Jordan.



The St. Ignace Saints 2009-2010 boys varsity basketball team includes (front, from left) managers Reid Marshall and Drew Marshall; (middle row) Aaron Colegrove-44, Curtis St. Louis-5, Eric Hepker-40, Landon Marshall-14, Justin Visnaw-32; (back) Gerrit Mortensen-3, Evan Everson-24, Grant Simmons-42, Coach Jason Marshall, Austin St. Louis-12, Kevin Guillard-4, and Cole Christiansen-22.

### St. Ignace Saints Boys JV/Varsity Basketball

<b>December</b>	8	Sault Ste. Marie	<b>February</b>	26	at Cheboygan
8	Cedarville	12	Gaylord	<b>March</b>	
11	at Rudyard	15	at Newberry	2	Pellston
15	at Pickford	22	Cheboygan	4	at East Jordan
18	Rogers City	27	Pickford		
<b>January</b>	29	Rudyard	12		
5	at Cedarville		19		
			24		