



"I got closer to my teammates, and I'm glad Coach Birch pushed us to do better."
-Sophomore Ja'Keem Pinckney

jv boys' basketball

The junior varsity basketball team celebrated an immensely successful season. The boys dedicated two hours after school each day to practice. They did a lot of things differently, and it certainly paid off. Some of their most impressive wins included ones over Woodland, Allendale, and Fort Dorchester. Perhaps their most impressive feat, however, was their comeback win against Ashley Ridge. The Cougars were down by 13 points, but they didn't give up. Their perseverance allowed them to finish the game with an 8 point advantage. Coach Birch was extremely proud of his team and how hard all of the players worked. "I feel like I pushed them mentally as well as physically, and they stepped up to the challenge," Coach Birch explained.



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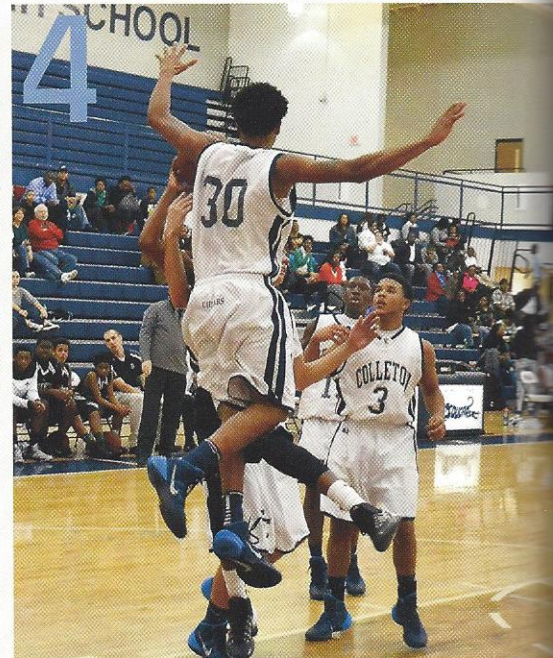
Sophomore Tyree Johnson races past two Bluffton players. Tyree looks back fondly on the season, especially recalling when his teammate Austin Holmes almost dunked the ball. Tyree improved many skills this season, including rebounding and shooting.

Sophomore Viktor Payne waits for the opposing team to perform a free throw. "I love playing with my teammates, and I'm glad we became closer this season."



Sophomore Damian Petote dribbles the ball past his opponent. "Basketball keeps me focused on school and teaches me to discipline myself." In addition, Damian also loves the competition.

Sophomore Trey Murray jumps impressively high to block a shot. "We had a great season and I'm very proud of our winning record." The improvements made by each member of the team will carry over to the following years, whether on JV or Varsity.



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