

# **Pittsfield Hall of Fame Classic Showcases City Hoop Teams**

***Inaugural triple-header scheduled for Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at  
Boys and Girls Club***

The *Pittsfield Hoop Club Hall of Fame* continues their long-standing tradition of supporting local student-athletes and celebrating the city's rich sports tradition with the announcement of the inaugural *Pittsfield Hall of Fame Classic*. The event, scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Pittsfield Boys and Girls Club, will showcase the boys basketball teams from all three of the city's high schools.

"This is a great opportunity for fans to see all 3 local teams under one roof for the price of one game", said Hoop Club President Dave Harte Sr. "In addition to providing additional exposure to the Hoop Club and local high school teams, we had a strong desire to establish an annual event that is well received by the community and reaches out to local youth players."

Pittsfield High, Taconic, and St. Joe will all host independent opponents beginning mid-afternoon. The event schedule is as follows:

**Pittsfield Hall of Fame Classic  
Saturday, January 9, 2010  
Location: Pittsfield Boys and Girls Club**

**3:00 PM Pittsfield High vs. Ware  
4:30 PM Taconic vs. Longmeadow  
6:00 PM St. Joe vs. McCann**

Tickets for the Pittsfield Hall of Fame Classic will be available at the door the day of the event. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and seniors. Local youth players wearing their team uniform will receive free admission. Tickets are valid for admission to all three games of the triple-header.

Earlier this year, The Pittsfield Hoop Club and Pittsfield Public Schools teamed up to recognize local students at an event featuring Boston Celtics legend K.C. Jones and the NBA Championship Trophy. In addition to a year highlighted by the Jones visit and the inaugural high school showcase, the Hoop Club's annual Hall of Fame Induction is scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 26 during the PHS/St. Joe game at The Boys and Girls Club.

Since 1998, The Pittsfield Hoop Club has contributed close to \$50,000 to local student-athletes through their scholarship program. Proceeds from the inaugural event will be used to support the mission of the organization, which includes recognizing Pittsfield's basketball history and providing scholarship opportunities to graduating high school players.