Game #1

It is that time of year again, no not beach season but basketball season. In the Shark Tank last night the JV Girls basketball team hosted the Tigers of Conway. This was the season opener and it proved to be an exciting matchup. The Sharks would strike first as freshman Hailey Martinez grabbed an offensive rebound and put it right back in for the first points of the game and the season. Unfortunately for the Sharks the lead would be short lived as the Tigers took control of the game by steals into layups. At the end of the first quarter the Sharks trailed 2 to 9. The second quarter was much of the same as Conway extended their lead. The Sharks wouldn’t go away though as Avery Newman knocked down a perfectly executed out of bounds play from the corner assisted by Hannah Farrell. At halftime the Sharks would be down 6 to 17.

We can win this game and we don’t quit. That is what was said in the locker room at the half. St James came out in the 3rd quarter fired up and really put the pressure on the Tigers. The Sharks defense had settled down and was now causing havoc for the Tigers. Going into the fourth quarter the Sharks would trail by 13. In the first game of the season trailing by 13 points going into the fourth quarter could have been enough to make this young team roll over and give in but that’s not what the Sharks are about. St James came out with a ton of energy and gave the Tigers a run for their money. The Sharks switched it up and went to a full court press that led to more than a few turnovers by Conway. Tiara Deas and Genesis Meidanis both grabbed a couple of steals which lead to Shark baskets. With time running low St James kept fighting and never stopped hustling. All that hard work paid off for Deas as she knocked down the team’s first three pointer of the season. In the end it was too little too late as the Tigers despite being outscored in the second half hung on for the victory with a final score of 26-18. The next game will be Friday at 5:00 pm at Socastee.

Scorers for the Sharks.

Tiara Deas – 5 Liz De Los Santos - 2

Genesis Meidanis – 4 Hailey Martinez – 2

Sharleen Douglas – 3 Avery Newman – 2