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Zenon Ziemba Boys Basketball Tournament Hosted by O'Gorman High School Friday December 10th and Saturday December 11th, 2010

Timmins, December 7, 2010:

This year marks the 41st year the tournament has brought together some of the best boys basketball players from across Northern Ontario. Games will be played at O'Gorman High School, Ecole Secondaire Catholique Theriault, Roland Michener, and O'Gorman Intermediate School.

The junior finals will be played at O'Gorman High School Saturday at 2:30 pm followed by the seniors at 4:00 pm. A total of 16 teams will take part in this year's event, making it a great tourist attraction to the city creating many economical benefits for our local businesses.

Zenon Ziemba graduated from O'Gorman High School in 1968. He exemplified what it means to be an athlete at OHS. He was dedicated to the sport; he demonstrated a high level of ability in the game while always exhibiting a true spirit of sportsmanship. Unfortunately in September of 1968, a car accident took his life at the age of 19. This tournament helps us remember this bright young 19 year old whose life came to a tragic end. His sister and brother-in-law, Gerry and Dawn Labelle, past teachers of O'Gorman High School will be in attendance for the weekend and will be making a special presentation to the school body to tip off the tournament at 12:45 pm on Friday, December 10th, 2010. Everyone is invited to share the experience with the Gerry and Dawn Labelle.

The Zenon Ziemba Boys Basketball tournament is the longest running tournament in the Timmins area. The tournament stresses sportsmanship and fair play, everything that the O'Gorman Athletics program promotes.

For tournament information please contact Doug Basso or Don Davis, Zenon Ziemba Tournament Convenors at 268-4501, ext 4122.

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