

JIMMIE WEHMEYER

A WINNING COMMITMENT

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JIMMIE WEHMEYER DOES IT ALL. THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR YOU CAN CATCH THE CALVARY LUTHERAN SENIOR ON THE FIELD OR ON THE COURT. THIS SCHOOL YEAR ALONE, JIMMIE PLAYED FALL SOCCER AND BASEBALL, CURRENTLY PLAYS ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM, PLANS TO DO SPRING BASEBALL, AND IS CONSIDERING TRACK TOO. WHEN JIMMIE IS NOT COMPETING IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS, HE HOLDS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SERVES AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN VARIOUS SCHOOL CLUBS INCLUDING KEY CLUB AND FFA.



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In the height of the season, Jimmie is enjoying his favorite sport; basketball. He shared, "Basketball is something I always played when I was little. I just started to fall in love with it when I picked a basketball up. I just had a lot of passion for it." Jimmie jumps between positions, depending on where he's needed. However, he generally plays power forward.

What does Jimmie thrive on in the heat of the game? Competition. "I like to win a lot—make sure I give my best effort. I like to see my teammates give their best effort and I like putting my teammates in a good a position. I like seeing them succeed too." Jimmie is all about being part of a team. The senior leader is always there encouraging his teammates pushing for the win and the right mindset.

Coach Mark Buffington has definitely had an impact on Jimmy. "He teaches me a lot of things. Not all about basketball, just like how to be a better person in general." Jimmy shared that beyond the general drills and plays, Coach Buffington has taught him and his teammates how to treat others with respect. When asked about the legacy he wants to leave behind as a senior, Jimmie said, "I just want to make sure that I am setting an example for everybody else to build off of. I'm trying to make sure the juniors when they become seniors, know how to lead and know what this program should be about." Looking out for the next one in line seems to be a solid theme at Calvary Lutheran. Jimmie said his favorite part of attending school is the atmosphere. "Everybody's positive. Everybody's always there to help you out. They just want the best out of you."

On top of playing the game with the right attitude and conduct, Jimmie trains to win. He shared, "I like winning a lot." He said of the off nights when they lose, "I try to see what we did wrong. Sometimes if we lose on a bad shooting night, I stay after practice later and go to a spot where I missed during a game and make that shot and just do stuff like that. Really capitalize on those mistakes and make sure not to do that again."

After graduating, Jimmie has committed to the delayed entry program for the Marine Corps. He explained of his decision, "I just want to give back to my country and I decided I wanted to do the military. If I was going to do the military, I want to do the most challenging branch. And that's what the Marine Corps offered me." Jimmie's grandfather (also his namesake) was a Marine. While Jimmie never met his grandfather,

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friend and Marine Sergeant and Recruiting Officer, Adam Ziegelbein, has been a great influence. Jimmie expressed interest in the Marine Corps to Ziegelbein as early on as middle school. "He's always been there by my side helping me out."

Beyond his teammates, coaches, and friends, Jimmie has the support of his family. He expressed, "They basically taught me everything. Like how to treat people right and my dad introduced me to every sport." His mom is his biggest cheerleader. "My mom basically gave me all her love and support with this." Jimmie's older sister played college volleyball at Oakland State in Indiana and his twin brother, Charlie, plays basketball for Jefferson City High School.

IT'S REWARDING TO INTERVIEW YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN AND FIND OUT A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THEIR HOPES, GOALS AND DREAMS. IT NEVER GETS OLD SEEING THE COMMITMENT AND DESIRE A YOUNG PERSON HAS WHEN THEY'VE MADE UP THEIR MIND TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY. JIMMIE WEHMEYER HAS DECIDED TO DO JUST THAT AND HE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGE. HE'LL DO GREAT BECAUSE HE'S STARTING WITH A WINNING COMMITMENT!