



**ON-POINT**

Guiding his teammates to his next move, Bradlen Nickens-Hill (9) dribbles the ball. Nickens-Hill believed that positive communication within the team leads to team success. "[When] they make a mistake, it's not their fault," Nickens-Hill said. "They should always be confident in what they're doing." C. CARLYE, PHOTO

**GET'CHA HEAD IN THE GAME**

Catching a pass, Easton Bannister (10) scans the court for his next play. At the time, RBHS Boy's Basketball marked the highest winning percentage of 78.26% out of all the district schools. "[Our season] has been going good. We're winning a lot of games" Bannister said. "My favorite moment [of this season so far] is Matt Sullivan's [(10)] game winning shot." K. MYERS, PHOTO

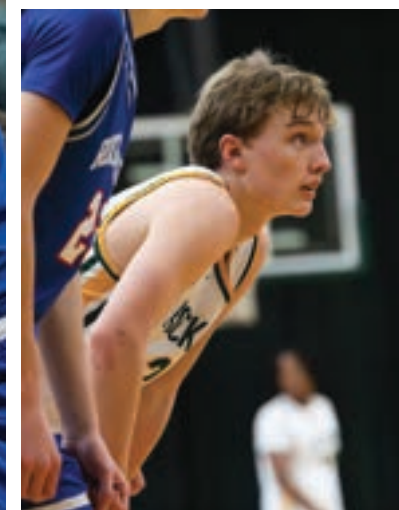
**TAKE IT EASY**

Calling for his teammates, Albert Swanegan (10) dribbles on court. During the game, Swanegan relieved stress by trusting himself. "I try to not think about it as much because when I second guess myself, it doesn't go as well," Swanegan said. "I think the more you think about how many times you've done it before, like, the less pressure it is." K. MYERS, PHOTO



# DRIBBLE SHOOT SCORE

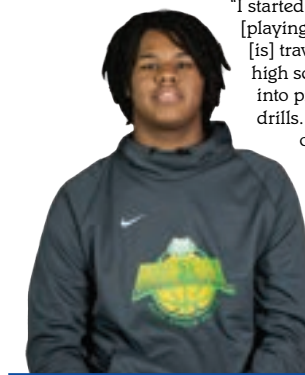
Leading up to the courtwarming game, boy's basketball finds success in their season



**ON THE WATCH**

Carefully observing the free throw, Otto Smith (11) takes his stance on the lane. During free throw shots, players alternately stand on the lane to immediately fight or to rebound. "[I] get rebound and play good defense," Smith said. "[I also] just help where we need it." S. JUNG, PHOTO

MR. BECKETT BRUNS (9) ON MAKING VARSITY AS A FRESHMAN  
**RISING STAR**



"I started [playing basketball] when I was three or four, but I started [playing] competitively in fifth grade. I played a little bit of AAU which [is] travel ball around the country and some circuits. [When I got to high school tryouts,] for varsity, it was [only] a day. We got straight into practice. We learned some plays. We [also] did a little bit of drills. It was just getting to know us as players, so they could run an offense [or] defense through us. I feel like what was helping [me] the most was [my] high energy. I [also] think wanting to learn what it's like playing varsity basketball was one of the other things that helped me [earn a spot on the team]. I was asking questions and constantly talking with the coaches and getting to know them better. We're a pretty high energy team. We always [try] to hype each other up like congratulating each other when we make achievements. Everybody makes each other feel good. We don't try to put anybody down. Obviously, we'll criticize each other constructively [to] try to make us better, but it's all love."

**YOU KNOW THE DRILL**

Breaking through the defense, Nicholas Timbrook (11) attempts a layup shot. During practices, Timbrook participated in various drills to prepare himself for any circumstances during the games. "I'd say [I practice] wall up and try not to foul [in game]," Timbrook said. "[My favorite play is] layup. It's the easiest shot in the game." K. MYERS, PHOTO

**MANNERS MAKE'EM MAN**

Engaging in a post-game handshake, Will Priest (12) shows respect to the opposing team. Great sportsmanship was a significant factor that RBHS Basketball teams built. "I'd say good sportsmanship is just showing love for your teammates and your brothers," Priest said. "Because if they see me cheering them on, they'll just give them more confidence to do what we all know that they can do." K. MYERS, PHOTO

BAKE &  
**SKATE**

BOY'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS ON DIFFERENT HANDSHAKES DURING A GAME



"I hit [my teammate's] hand, go back and then I [pick] up a phone off of his hand. [Then] I put it to my ear and put it up to the sky, like I'm calling God." JORDAN DAVIS (10)



"I run up to my teammate. I do a little high five, and then I throw up 2 hands holding like a money sign just to show that I'm gonna go get my money for the game and go do good and perform." DONOVAN PARRIS (12)