71st LIT Day 1 Recap

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February 6th marks the start of the 71st annual Luther Invitational Basketball Tournament (L.I.T.). However, the organization of this memorable event began much sooner, thanks to the assistance of the students, faculty, and staff. Their help truly is what shapes the event from the theme choice and snacks served at concessions to the halftime shows and minor officials. There is no aspect of L.I.T. that does not show the hardwork and dedication of the Luther community. In addition to the effort put in by the Luther Lions, today made it obvious that not one of these 16 teams have been slacking off this season, with an incredible game between the Walter Murray Marauders and the Garden City Gophers (males) to kick off the tournament. The Marauders took the win with a score of 105 to 60, and Marauders very own, Zach Hawley, scored the most points of the day with 38. In the later afternoon, Regina's Riffel Royals faced Calgary's Ernest Manning Griffins (males), and with a great performance from the Griffins, the final score was 57-84 for the Griffins. There was a great progression into the evening with a dominating win by the Dakota Lancers in their 6pm game against the Luther Lions (females), and a win for the Leboldus Suns with a final score of 91-53 in their game against the Walter Murray Marauders (females). Leboldus was led by Nicola Mehan #12 with 32 points. There was an energetic close to the first night of the tournament with the game between the Luther Lions and the Cardston Cougars (males) who won their first game of the tournament with a score of 63-38. The first day was filled with excitement and some nerves from the new players, but the turnout so far has been phenomenal. Congratulations to both the winning and losing teams, and good luck in the rest of the games!