

**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK – January 12<sup>th</sup> to January 16<sup>th</sup>**

# AUSTIN DA SILVA



Austin Da Silva is a Grade 12 student-athlete and the starting point guard for your Michael Power/St. Joseph Trojans Senior Boys' Basketball Team. Austin is in his fourth year of basketball at MPSJ and has served as team captain for the past two seasons. He is an all-around player, both on the offensive and defensive side of the ball, and a great leader on the court and in the dressing room. He is known as the team's "quarterback" because of his outstanding vision and decision-making. He takes practice very seriously and always pushes his teammates to work hard. Excellent dribbling penetration and shooting skills combined with great aggressiveness and energy on the court have allowed Austin to share much individual success as he leads the team in playing minutes, assists, and fouls drawn. His team has also enjoyed a strong season as they currently lead the TDCAA's West Division with an 8-0 record. Last week, Austin was a major factor in the team's tournament victory at the Father Redmond Invitational.

Austin has also started as a libero for MPSJ's Senior Boys' Volleyball Team for the past two seasons. In November, he helped the team finish as TDCAA finalists. Outside of school, Austin plays basketball with the 19U Etobicoke Thunder of the Etobicoke Basketball Association (E.B.A.). Austin is in his ninth year with the Thunder and helped the team finish fifth in Ontario last season, while earning the honour of being named team MVP.

MPSJ is lucky to have such a dedicated student athlete! Best of luck on the remainder of your sport season.