

Dear Fall Athletic Parents/Guardians:

As many of you have heard there has been some changes to the Fall Sports Season. NYSPHSAA our governing body has moved the Fall High Risk Sports of Football, Volleyball, and Fall Cheerleading to March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and ending on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. Low Risk Fall Sports such as Soccer, Tennis, Swim, Gymnastics, Golf and Cross Country are set to begin practice and play games on September 21<sup>st</sup>. 2020. In order to adapt to the change of season start times Winter Sports will begin on 11/30/20 and Spring Sports will begin on 4/19/21. The end date for Winter and Spring sports seasons have not been given to us as of yet.

At first my gut reaction was this is terrible! But having time to reflect I truly believe this is the best way to ensure that all sports play some sort of season in the 2020-2021 school year. What happened to the Spring Sports last year was a tragedy for all of us involved in Athletics.

With that being said we need to move forward with Fall Sports registration and some guidelines that will hopefully answer some questions regarding practice, game play and participation.

1. **REGISTRATION:** In order to play Fall Sports starting on September 21<sup>st</sup> you must register you son/daughter on FAMILY ID. This is a paperless way to register for Athletics. Simply go to our Athletic Web Site on our District Home page and create your own login. NYS has granted extensions of all Physicals for 9/1/17 to present. So if the school has a physical from your son/daughter during this time period they will not need a current physical. If not please attend one of the Physical Dates on 9/17/20 from 5-7pm at the High School and 9/19/20 from 9am-Noon at the High School.
2. **PRACTICE TIMES:** We understand the difficulties of many parents not being able to get their child to practice right after school due to remote or hybrid learning. The coaching staff is working hard on scheduling their practices at different times to engage as many students as possible. Our goal this year is to get as many athletes involved, have fun and work hard.
3. **TRANSPORTATION:** We will not be having late buses at the High School or Middle School to transport your child home after practice. Many coaches are practicing at 5pm or later and we can't ensure the NYS Guidelines for number of students on busses. We will be transporting athletes to and from games. Also, most of the JV and Modified coaches will not be practicing every day. This will hopefully also take some burden off you as a parent due to transportation.
4. **COMMUNICATION:** The coaches will be reaching out to you on Wednesday 9/16 to give you practice times and locations. This will be posted on our Website as well.
5. **Final Note:** All Remote students are eligible to participate in Athletics. Please sign up on FAMILY ID as soon as possible.

Please if you have any questions please call the Athletic Office 926-1704.  
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