

August 5, 2021

Good Afternoon,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and getting ready for school and fall sports season to begin. A couple of reminders for you as we head in that direction. The fall sports season begins on August 16th, practice times will be posted in early August for you to help plan. Athletes need to have permission forms signed and brought in on the first day of tryouts to be eligible to participate. Also, by board policy athletes need to have a physical every two years and we need an updated copy for the athletic office. If you have questions, please call the athletic office and we can confirm this for you.

Our parent meetings will be before the season begins. It will take place on August 15th at school. We will have two meetings this year, there will be one for freshman parents/guardians and athletes at 5:00 p.m. followed by one for all parents/guardians at 6:15 p.m. The goal of the freshman meeting is to introduce freshman athletes and parents/guardians to high school athletics and work towards a smooth transition to high school. The main meeting will be to go over school policies and then meet with the coaches to hear their team rules and other important information.

There are a couple of changes in the athletic department this year. First, Mrs. Fisher has retired after 24 years as the athletic department secretary. She did a great job and was a stable force for our department, the KVAC and the MPA. We all thank her for her years of service and dedication. While we will miss Mrs. Fisher, we are excited to have Mrs. Jessica Wills as our new secretary, she will be a great asset for all of us. Another change is on the purple permission slip, you will need to fill out one form for the year. In the place for sports please write in all sports your athlete plans to play instead of one for the fall season only.

A final note, we are still dealing with COVID, although not on the scale that we had to last year. We hope that continues to ease. There has not been a decision made about masks at school and as with all issues with COVID things change quickly. With that being said, CDC guidelines are still dictating that if a person is a close contact with an infected person, they need to quarantine for 10 days **unless** the contact person has been immunized. Please have that discussion about your student athlete with your all people involved with that decision. Please feel free to contact the athletic office if you have any questions or email me at cfoye@rsu18.org. Thank you and I wish you a continuous great summer.

Regards,

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