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TO: Boyertown Area School District
FROM: BASD Athletic Department
RE: Winter Athletic Teams

This letter is to inform our student-athletes, parents, and coaches about the state of athletics for the winter season. The information listed below is fluid and can change at any moment.

The Pioneer Athletic Conference has decided to push back the start dates for winter athletics. We will be competing in a league only schedule and competitions will not start until after the new year. New schedules will be posted as soon as they are generated by the PAC.

Please be aware that changes for any or all of our athletic teams could happen on a daily basis pertaining to Boyertown sponsoring a team.

Start dates for Athletics:

- Senior High Teams - December 7, 2020
- Middle School Teams - December 14, 2020

Practice schedules and additional information will be posted by 11/15/2020 on the following sites:

- Senior High - boyertownathletics.com
- MS East - boyertowneastathletics.com
- MS West - boyertownwestathletics.com

Registration and instructions for all Winter Sports can be found on the following website:

- <https://boyertownathletics.com/main/otherad/contentID/52801313>

Any MS athlete who registered for fall must login to complete a new COVID document (section 10) The rest of your information for fall will carry forward.

Any SH athlete who competed in the fall must login and complete Section 7 and 10.

Below you will find updated information for every sport offered at each building along with its current status.

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Senior High

- **Boys/Girls Basketball**

- Practices will be held on a rotating schedule between the Senior High and Middle School buildings.
- Parents are responsible for transportation to/from practices, home games, and to BASH for departure for away games.

- **Cheerleading (Competitive Spirit)**

- Tryouts will be held in November for the Competition Team. Information can be found on boyertownathletics.com
- Practices will be held on a rotating schedule between the Senior High and Middle School buildings.
- Parents are responsible for transportation to/from practices, home games, and to BASH for departure for away games.
- We will not travel to away basketball games. If current capacity guidelines allow, we will cheer at home basketball games. We will also participate in virtual cheer competitions, if available.

- **Wrestling**

- Practices will be held at the BTC. Practice times will be announced by Coach Haley, but will not begin before 3:30.
- Hydration testing dates are TBD. All tests will take place at the Senior High and appointments will be necessary. There will be more information coming next week.
- Parents are responsible for transportation to/from practices, home games, and to BASH for departure for away games.
- We will not be traveling to any overnight tournaments or large weekend tournaments.

- **Swimming**

- We will not be hosting any home meets. All meets would be at another school.
- Practices will be held at the Boyertown YMCA on the following dates/times.
 - MWF – 5:15 – 6:30 am. (3 lanes) – 12 swimmers. They would allow kids to use the locker room to change after practice.
 - MW – 3:30-5:15 pm (3 lanes) – 12 swimmers
 - F – 3:30 – 5:30 pm (3 lanes) – 12 swimmers
- Swimmers who compete for the Boyertown Y team or TOPS will be eligible to practice with those club teams while a school district coach is present.

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- Coach Draves will notify all swimmers of when to report to practice since we can not have everyone in the facility at the same time.
- **Boys/Girls Winter Track**
 - Many of the indoor facilities will not be allowing events. Our governing body for winter track is looking at possibly holding “polar bear” meets, which means it will be outdoors.
 - Under current conditions, there is a chance we may not be able to sponsor a winter track team this winter. This is not set in stone, we are working to find alternatives.

Middle School

- **All Sports (Basketball, Cheerleading, Wrestling)**
 - Practices will be held on a rotating schedule at Middle School buildings. **The Senior High may be used for MS West wrestling practice on certain days.**
 - **All practices will be held in the evening (after 5 pm)**
 - Parents are responsible for transportation to/from practices, home games, and to the appropriate Middle School for departure for away games.
 - Games/Matches will be played at the regular scheduled times determined by the Pioneer Athletic Conference.
 - Wrestling - Hydration testing dates are TBD, they will take place at the Senior High. Information about appointments will be forthcoming.
 - Cheerleading - tryout dates are TBD, stunting will not be allowed.
 - Under current guidelines, **All games/matches will be closed to the public. There will be NO spectators allowed.**

If at any point, the PA Department of Health requires BASD to turn to an all-virtual option, all sports at all levels could be suspended.

All athletic teams are required to follow the approved BASD Health & Safety Plan for Athletics and Marching Band, which can be found at: www.boyertownasd.org

The Athletic Department and BASD Administration will be evaluating the status of Spring sports at the middle school level at a future date.

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We would like to thank each of our families for the part you are actively taking to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We ask that you continue to reinforce the importance of face coverings and hand washing with your children. In addition, please continue to monitor them closely for COVID-19 symptoms, that include, but are not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea. If your child begins to experience any of these symptoms, please stay home. We are committed to providing you with important information in a timely manner and will maintain this practice as the school year progresses.

Stay Safe,



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