



# Bell MS/7B MS Athletics

Fall 2021 Modified Parents Night  
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# Athletic Department Philosophy

## Department Purpose

Our Athletic Department fosters and reinforces the Mission of the Chappaqua Central School District which is to create a community for learning where students, families and staff are joined in the pursuit of athletic excellence, personal growth, and teamwork. We seek to develop each student's full potential through involvement in interscholastic and intramural athletic programs led by a dedicated coaching staff. *We promote values, practices and character traits essential to personal development and success in life beyond school.*

## **To fulfill this purpose, we must:**

- Welcome every student's involvement in the program, no matter their role...
- Value perseverance, commitment and hard work
- Demonstrate sportsmanship, respect and community spirit
- Embrace healthy competition
- Support every student's social and emotional development and their ability to self-advocate
- Communicate expectations and responsibilities of students, families and staff.

# Our Focus

## Understanding the Value of Athletics

- Preparing students for the next level of LIFE not the next level of competition
- Working with others to achieve a common goal
- Researched-based SEL / Wellness benefits of fitness

## Creating a Team-First Culture

- **“RESPECT THE GAME”**- Coaches, Athletes, Opposing Team, Officials, Rules of Game
  - Maintaining a constant support of TEAM GREELEY

## Supporting the Individual Needs of Every Program

- Your child is a part of something larger than themselves
  - Focus on supporting your child's TEAM/PROGRAM
    - Can come with challenges
- We are all ONE Program

# What Should Coaches Expect?

## Commitment

- Interscholastic Athletics is a part of our Educational Experience
  - 5 Days a week for Middle School - No Holidays, more flexibility
  - The TEAM is depending on EVERY MEMBER
  - New Job/New Class- need to make it a priority

## Communication

- Student to Coach first: We want to work on this for the students
  - Parent - 24 Hour Rule - No 'meetings' w/ coach right after practice or games

## Respect The Game

- Coaching Philosophy-based Decisions
  - Playing Time - goal is everyone plays, numbers sometimes make it uneven
  - Willingness to work towards a common goal
- TEAM-FIRST Attitude from EVERYONE
  - Your child's role may change or be different than what you think it should be...

# What Should Parents Expect?

## Communication

- Website / App We Use
  - Goal: No Cuts
  - SPORTSYOU
  - From your child & From your coach
  - Game Schedules
  - Schedules over breaks/holidays - no practice / games
  - Philosophy on playing time, missing practice, etc. Less intense than V/JV

# What Are Modified Sports?

- NYS over 20 years ago created "modified"
  - Safety
  - School Involvement
  - SEL Activities
  - Creative ways toward participation
    - 5 quarters, whole line-up changes



# Things to Know for Fall 2021 Season:

- COVID Protocols - More on this later...
- Transportation issues (potential)

# Things to Know for Fall 2021 Season:

- **Start Date Change: Was 9/2 - But, WE ARE CHANGING IT**
- New Date --> 9/13, reasoning
- **Coaches Meeting w/ Students: in both buildings**
- 9/9/2021 2:35 p.m. - 3 p.m. Informational / Meet The Coach
  - Coach will explain expectations, schedule, etc.
  - Go over 'clearance list' etc...(physicals, online registration)

# **Our Program offers:**

- **Cross Country - Co-ed**
- **Girls Volleyball**
- **Football**
- **Field Hockey**

# Program Specifics:

- **XCountry (Co-Ed) - Bell and 7B**
  - **2 separate teams, 2 separate coaches**
  - **Practice at their buildings**
  - **Compete at various (HGHS, JJCR, other)**
  - **Could compete against each other**

# Program Specifics:

- **Volleyball - Bell and 7B**
- **2 Separate teams**
- **Practice at their building**
- **Compete at 'home school'** and at away schools

# **Program Specifics:**

- **Football - Combined from Both schools**
- **SAME AS LAST YEAR: Students go home after school, get driven to HGHS for 3:30 practice\*\***
- **Transportation issues / benefits however.**
- **Could change...**
- **Games @ HGHS and at away schools**

# Program Specifics:

- **Field Hockey - 2 Scenarios (1 team, or 2)**
  - **2 coaches**
  - **Sign-ups are low**
  - **Scenario A: 1 Combined Team**
    - **Could practice at home schools (12 and 13 currently) w/ 1 coach**
    - **1x/week, group practice (Site TBD - HGHS?)**
      - **Pending Transportation**
  - **Scenario 2: 2 Separate Teams**
    - **Practice at home schools, play separate schedule**

# Greeley Sports Boosters

Greeley Sports Boosters is the parent organization that supports all CCSD interscholastic sports grades 7-12 by investing in our athletic programs to enhance our teams and enrich our student-athletes athletic opportunities and experience.





# Greeley Sports Boosters

## **Capital Gifts & Grants**

- \$600,000 grant for new Fitness Center, Mind-Body Studio and updated equipment in our Main Gym
- Local Live
- Campus signage
- Training & Development Fund

## **Team Services**

- Boosters Team parents or Captain's Parents
- Team Finances management
- Team apparel web-store fundraising program
- Community & Team Events

## **Recognition**

- Varsity team poster program
- Weekly eBlast & Social Media
- Team title banners/Championship banners/signage on the fields
- Senior Athlete Banquet
- Excellence In Coaching Award/ Spirit Award

## **Information & Advocacy**

- Quick-Start Guide to Greeley Athletics
- Guide to Modified Sports for Middle School Families
- Incoming 9th Grade Athletics Orientation

# Training & Development Fund

**Training & Development Fund allows parents to directly invest in the success of Greeley Athletics by making a tax free donation**

- Two grants awarded in 2020-2021 for Girls & Boys Basketball and Cheer
  - A two-day Choreography Camp for the Varsity Cheerleading program, in the amount \$2,800
  - A Dr. Dish CT Shooting Machine for the Boys and Girls Basketball programs, in the amount of \$7,339.98.
- 75% of the team must be Boosters members to apply for a grant
- JV and Varsity are eligible for grants and can jointly apply for a grant

# **What You Can Do To Support Your Team**

1. Be a member of Greeley Sports Boosters
2. Volunteer or be a Team Parent
3. Donate to the Training & Development Fund

# GSB Communication

- Sign Up for the Boosters eBlast
- Facebook: Greeley Sports Boosters
- Twitter: @Quaker\_Sports
- Instagram: @Quaker\_Sports
- Sports Boosters Website

# GO GREELEY!!!!

Follow us on  **@GreeleySports**





# **Fall COVID Procedures for Interscholastic Program**

**Safe & Reasonable**



# Authorization to Practice - 2 Step Process

1. Physical Clearance by the Nurse (email notification to parents) through our online registration process
2. COVID Clearance:
  - a. Vaccination Card Uploaded to Operoo or Negative COVID Test

AND

  - b. [CCSD EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES](#) Completed and Submitted to Coach on Practice Day 1 g



# Weekly Testing for Unvaccinated Students

CCSD has a *Limited Lab License* and is authorized to conduct COVID-19 testing using the [Abbott BinaxNOW COVID Ag Card](#).

Location	Time/Date TBD
Horace Greeley High School or Seven Bridges Middle School (students must arrive with parents by car)	September 9, 10 or 11 (testing will occur outside of school hours)

We will send confirmation of date, time and necessary paperwork **once we understand how many students are unvaccinated** (this email will be sent on or before September 3, 2021).

*Independent COVID-19 tests may not be conducted prior to the CCSD testing date.*





# Layered Mitigation Strategies

- **Limited Locker Room Use - Before and After School Only**
- **No Shared Water Opportunities**
- **Limited Huddles, High Fives, Etc.**
- **Socially Distanced Whenever Possible**
- **Student Expectations Contract**
- **Weekly Testing & Screening for Unvaccinated Students/Coaches**
- **NO Organized Team Events Inside (restaurants, Greeley cafeteria, private homes)**
- **Masks Indoors**

**ALL STUDENTS WILL BE SUPPORTED & RESPECTED  
VACCINATED/UNVACCINATED**



# COVID Protocols: My Child is Symptomatic At Practice

- **Coach Immediately Notified**
- **Student is isolated from the team outside and supervised.**
- **Parent contacted for immediate pick up (juniors/seniors may not drive home)**
- **Student Isolated from the team (outside)**
- **Coach contacts AD/Building Principal**
- **Nurse will Facilitate Return to Sports/School**
  - Vaccinated Students- contact pediatrician to determine if COVID test is necessary.
  - Unvaccinated Students- negative COVID test required.



# COVID Protocols: My Child is COVID-19 Positive

**Contact Joe Mazza or Joe Wiener Immediately by Email,  
Send Your Child's Positive Test Result  
& We'll Take it From Here**



# Spectator Procedures - Week 1 & 2

- We will not host large scale community events outdoors in September- we are hopeful we may do so in October (interscholastic tournaments).
- **CCSD Sports: Family members are welcome to attend sporting events for their children. We will look to expand access to students and community members on or about September 20, 2021.**

*Caution will be continued to be exercised by the District when the community transmission levels for Westchester County are either substantial or high.*



# Spectator Procedures - Week 1 & 2

- Thanks so much for attending
- Please email with any questions that didn't get answered here...
- This plan is continuing to evolve and your students will get more information on the 9th when they meet their coaches...