## Dear Parents.

As summer nears, that means it's time to start thinking about Fall Sports. We're thrilled about the upcoming school year and the energy it brings to Guardians Sports! Registration is underway, so be sure to secure your spot early. I apologize for the long email, but it contains important information!

We've changed our divisions to ensure fair and competitive play. For instance, in all sports, our 5th/6th grade teams will be combined for both Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions

Here's a quick overview of what we're offering:

- Tackle Football (Grades 5th-6th):
  - o Practices start July 29
  - o 3-4 practices per week
  - Two divisions (Boys Varsity and Jr. Varsity)
  - o Price: \$225
- Flag Football (Grades 1st-4th):
  - Practices start August 19
  - o Games begin September 7
  - Two divisions (Boys 1st & 2nd; 3rd & 4th)
  - o Price: \$125
- Fall Soccer (Grades 1st-6th):
  - o Practices start August 19
  - Games begin September 7 (most played on Saturdays)
  - Three divisions (1st & 2nd, boys and girls; 3rd & 4th, boys and girls; 5th & 6th girls)
  - 5th & 6th Grade Girls Team will play in the competitive division. Most games are during the week, with a few on Saturdays.
  - o Price: \$125 (1st-4th) \$140 (5th-6th girls)
- Friday Night Lights Soccer (PK, JK, SK):
  - o Practices start August 23
  - o Games begin September 6
  - o Teams are Coed
  - o Friday nights at 5:15 p.m.
  - o Price: \$100
- Volleyball (Grades 5th-6th):
  - Practices start August 5
  - Two divisions (Girls Varsity and Jr. Varsity)

- o Price: \$140
- Cross Country (Grades 3rd-6th):
  - Practices and meets start in September
  - Coed
  - 3rd-5th Grades, Meets are generally on Mondays; 6th Grade, Meets are generally on Tuesdays.
  - o Price: \$115
- Cheer (Grades 3rd-6th):
  - Cheering for Football (and occasionally other sports)
  - Practices will be once or twice a week
  - o Price: \$50 (Uniforms are an additional cost. Fittings will take place in May.)
- Golf (Grades 5th-6th):
  - o Practices start August 19
  - Matches will begin after Labor Day
  - o Coed
  - Price: \$150 (Covers uniforms, green fees, and range fees.)

Use this <u>link</u> to register. \*You will register your child in the grade they will be in for the upcoming 2024-25 school year.

While we're all excited about fall sports, please remember to consider our commitments carefully. With limited spots and potential scheduling conflicts, signing up for what aligns with your availability is important. Please remember the significance of dedicating yourself to a team and the impact felt when teammates are absent.

I understand that we all have our preferred friends to play with, and it's convenient when we can share rides with neighbors. We'll make every effort to accommodate your special requests. However, we can only ensure them consistently if you limit teammate/ carpool requests to one per person, reciprocated by the same individual. Team assignments consider various factors. Being part of a church and school team also means making new connections and getting to know different people.

You can register with the following link: https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/428119

Also, don't forget about summer camps for extra skill-building fun! Participation in camps significantly contributes to a player's growth. Intensive play over a week provides substantial benefits, with players learning more compared to sporadic one-hour practices across a 12-week season. I strongly recommend seeking a summer camp for

your players to enhance their skills. We are offering several throughout the summer. You can register for those here.

https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/384510 (Summer Camps) https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/419358 (Camp Debbie/Jan Gamification Camp)

We're hosting Parent Informational Meetings on Wednesday, August 14, and Sunday, August 18. These meetings will cover topics such as team assignments, practice schedules, communication via GroupMe, and expectations for the season. We hope to see everyone at one of these sessions. Further details will be provided closer to the dates.

Let's make this season memorable! As always, feel free to contact me with any questions. Go, Guardians!

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