ATHLETIC EDUCATION NIGHT - 2015

“Incoming Ninth Grade Athletes & parents, what you need to know!”

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PRESENTATION

- SLIDE INFORMATION (This presentation on athletics web page)
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- IMPORTANT WEB ADDRESSES
- SUMMATION
- QUESTION AND ANSWERS
Cherry Hill West ATHLETICS

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Governing Bodies for Athletics
- Cherry Hill BOE
- National Federation of High Schools (NFHS)
- New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA)
- Olympic Conference Scholastic League (O.C.)
Athletic Education Continued

- Athletics Web Page
  - http://west.cherryhill.k12.nj.us/athletics_geninfo.shtml
  - Parent-Athlete handbook
  - Coaches Pages and Info

- West Athletics Twitter – scores and updates
  - @chwestathletics
Cherry Hill
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Philosophy Statement

The Cherry Hill School District places the highest emphasis on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students’ academic programs. The athletic program likewise affirms academics as the highest priority in the life of our student-athletes. In doing so, we seek to strengthen the integration of athletic program objectives with the academic and developmental objectives.

Recognizing that the students have needs and interest that go beyond the scope of academic life, the school district is committed to providing an athletic program consistent with those needs and interest. Further, the athletic program is consistent with the academic doctrine in that it encourages students to pursue excellence through hard work and to develop attitudes of integrity, fairness, mutual respect, teamwork and dedication.”
Typical LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

- Freshmen (9th graders)
- Junior Varsity (10th – 11th graders)
- Varsity (11th – 12th graders)
For PARTICIPATION We Need

- Completed Parent Permission Forms
- Completed Physicals June at Carusi (8:30 am – 11:30 am)
- Drug Test Form
- Emergency Contact Form
- Impact testing/Concussion
- Vision
- Cardiac Awareness  (Beginning Sept 1 2015 all Physicals must be signed by Physician that has completed the sudden cardiac awareness Module)

*Drop off at Athletic office at West prior to 8/1*
Why play sports?

- Social Aspect
  - Friends / It’s fun

- Participatory Aspect
  - Part of a team / Big Picture (Identity with the school)

- Competitive Aspects
  - Inter-scholastic / Championships / Win / Scholarships

- Life long lessons are learned:
  - How to set & achieve goals.
  - How to handle success & failure.
  - Adapting to different leadership styles.
  - Personality blending.
  - Work ethic.
  - Sacrifice
  - Discipline
Why play sports?

- Research indicates student-athletes have:
  - Higher G.P.A.’s
  - Less drug/alcohol use
  - Fewer teen pregnancies
  - Lower drop out rate
  - Higher graduation rate
  - Fewer discipline referrals
Participating in a Sport is a *Privilege*, not a Right

Privileges can be taken away for various reasons including violation of the Code of Conduct or poor academic performance.
Code of Conduct

- Code of Conduct is comprised of 2 aspects that student athletes must be responsible for:
  - Drug and Alcohol use
  - Behavioral

(Review the student handbook when it gets distributed in 1st week of school.)
Interscholastic vs. Youth Programming

- Primary purpose of youth or recreation programs are to encourage *participation with some development*.

- Interscholastic programs support participation (Freshman and JV) but are ultimately geared towards *providing the best athletes the opportunity* to reach their potential competing with and against the best athletes throughout the state.
Roles in the Program

- Athletic Director - Evaluates Programs
- Coach – Sport Specific Professionals
- Athlete – Participants, Focus of Program
- Officials – Professionals who administer contests.
- Parents – Fans & Supporters.

Conflict occurs when one tries to accomplish the other’s role.
Communication Chain

In order of occurrence

1. Athlete to Team Captains
2. Athlete to Coach
3. Parent to Coach
4. Parent to Athletic Director

Do not try or expect to speak to coaches before or after a practice or game. Please call or e-mail them.
Communication Issues

- Inappropriate for Discussion:
  - Playing Time
  - Team Strategy
  - Play Calling
  - Other Student-Athletes
  - Speaking for “other” adults.

- Appropriate For Discussion
  - Treatment of your child mentally and physically
  - Ways to help your child improve
  - Concerns about your child’s behavior
Keys to Success

• Students need good time management skills
  • (Mandatory study hall for each sport)
• Parents & students need to communicate with each other.
• Please communicate with the coaching staff about issues.
• Understand the expectations increase each year your child progresses in a sport.
NJSIAA ELIGIBILITY

All incoming Freshman are eligible to start

- **CREDITS**
  - Fall (Sept. 1 - Jan, 31) 30 credits in the preceding academic year
  - Second semester (Feb. 1 - June 30) 15 credits in the preceding academic year

- **AGE**
  - Ineligible if 19 prior to Sept. 1
  - Ineligible for freshmen, if 16 prior to Sept. 1

- **I.E.P.**
  - Parents/Guardian/CST / Principal
NCAA ELIGIBILITY
DIVISION I

• GPA
  • minimum 2.0 on a 4.0 sliding scale in core
• S.A.T. or A.C.T.
  • Qualifier
    • *2.55 / 800 / 66
    • 2.5 / 820 / 68
    • 2.0 / 1010 / 86
  • Partial-qualifier
    • 2.75+ / 720 / 59
    • 2.52 / 810 / 67

• CORE COURSE
  • 16 Total
  • 4 years English
  • 2 years Math (Algebra 2)
  • 2 years Science
    • including 1 lab
  • 2 year additional Math, Science or English
  • 2 years Social Science
  • 3 additional academic courses
NCAA ELIGIBILITY
DIVISION II

- G.P.A.
  - 2.5 on 4.0 sliding scale
- S.A.T. 820 combined
- A.C.T. 68 sum score

- CORE COURSES
  - 16 Total
    - 4 years English
    - 3 years Math
    - 2 years Science
    - 2 years Social Science
    - 2 years additional academic courses
    - 3 years additional course in any of the above
NCAA ELIGIBILITY
DIVISION III

- Based on eligibility requirements set by the member institution and the college’s participating athletic conference
Important Web Addresses

- New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA)
  - www.njsiaa.org
- NCAA
  - www.ncaa.org
- National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)
  - www.naia.org
- National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA)
  - www.njcaa.org
- CoreCourseGPA
  - www.corecoursegpa.com
What to look for!

- Coach’s packet of information
- Web postings
- Summer start dates
  - Football August 10, 2015
  - All other fall sports begin August 17, 2015
Question?