

St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School
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TO: Parents and students, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

RE: Athletic program and registration

PROGRAM:

The athletic program at St. Mary consists of three seasons of play. The fall program includes boys' soccer, girls' volleyball, and cross-country for boys and girls. The winter program includes basketball for boys and girls and cheerleading for girls. The spring season includes girls' soccer, boys' baseball, tennis and golf for boys and girls. The athletic program is open to all students of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

REQUIREMENTS:

Students on a team must maintain passing grades with a satisfactory in both effort and conduct. A signed contract will be required of all students in the athletic program, agreeing to maintain satisfactory grades and conduct while participating. Grades are evaluated every Friday. An "F" or "U" means that a student may not play until the grade improves. Students that are ineligible to play are still required to attend practices and games.

Registration – Students may register by attending the introductory meeting with the coach and returning the attached Athletic Permission Form signed by both student and parents. In order to register, parents are required to give their permission and verify that their son/daughter is in good physical health by signing the attached form and returning it to the coach. **THE FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND RECEIVE THE UNIFORM. NO ONE WILL BE PLACED ON A TEAM UNTIL ALL PAPERWORK IS RECEIVED. Please include a working email address. Try-out letters will be emailed and not given out at school.**

The administration and coaches have set the maximum number of players that can successfully play on each team. In the event that registrations exceed this number, a try-out session will be held by the coach to determine the team members.

PARTICIPATION:

Playing time – The amount of playing time a student receives varies from team-to-team and from game-to-game. Every student on the team will play during the season and every effort will be made to give your child as much playing time as possible. The amount of playing time however, is determined by the number of students on the team, the particular game situation and is left entirely to the discretion of the coach.

Conduct – Students must follow instructions of coaches, cooperate with team members and practice principles of good sportsmanship at all practices and games. Inappropriate language, embarrassing, humiliating, or immoral behavior, or taunting opponents, as well as rudeness to and/or arguing with coaches, teammates, opponents, officials and spectators will **NOT** be tolerated. **First offense is an automatic one game suspension. Second offense will result in permanent removal from the team for the remainder of the season.** Students are a reflection of St. Mary's and we want to remind them that we are a Catholic school and expect that they represent our school in a positive manner.

If an athlete has been issued a detention or a mandatory study hall on a scheduled game or practice day, the athlete must serve the detention or study hall before the game or practice. If a student is absent from school for any reason on a game day he/she will not play on that day. Students must be present for at least five periods in order to be allowed to play.

Uniforms – St. Mary School will provide uniforms as follows: Soccer players will be issued a team shirt and must have their own white shorts, non-metal cleat shoes and royal blue socks. Volleyball players will be issued a shirt and shorts. Volleyball players must provide their own knee pads, socks and shoes. Cross-country athletes will be issued a shirt but must provide their own blue shorts and running shoes. Basketball players and cheerleaders will be issued a uniform but must have their own socks and shoes. Baseball players will be issued a shirt, pants and hat. They must provide their own shoes and royal blue socks. Golfers will be provided with a shirt but will need their own clubs, pants and shoes. Tennis players will be issued a shirt but will need to provide their own racquets, blue or white shorts or skirts and tennis shoes. **Uniforms will be given out at a practice prior to the first game to students who have returned their signed permission form.** Washed (no bleach please) uniforms are to be returned within one week after the final game to Mrs. Leonard in a bag labeled **with the student's name**. A player may not participate in another sport or receive their report card until the previous sport's uniform is returned to the school.

Transportation – Transportation to and from games and practices is the responsibility of the parent. In order to respect the coaches personal time, please arrange for your child to be picked up promptly after games and practices.

Insurance – Students are provided with secondary insurance coverage by the Diocese of Savannah insurance provided by Catholic Mutual Group.

Recognition – All eighth grade students participating will be eligible for the Scholar Athlete Award. This award is given to the eighth grade student with the highest overall grade average during each season. The awards are announced and presented at the eighth grade commencement exercises.

Students participating in any sport during the year and their parents will be invited to the sports banquet in May. All participating students will be recognized.

Please see the permission form and registration in the following attachment. If you have any questions, please see or call Mrs. Shine at ext. 343.

Thank you for your interest.

Mr. Keith Darr, Principal
Mrs. Barbara Shine, Athletic Director

ATHLETIC PERMISSION FORM

(This form must be turned in to the coach to be registered.)

Student _____ in homeroom _____ has my permission to register for (please sign up only for the current season):

FALL: Boys Soccer _____ Girls' Volleyball _____ Cross-Country _____

WINTER: Basketball _____ Cheerleading _____

SPRING: Girls Soccer _____ Boys' Baseball _____ Tennis _____ Golf _____

We have read the attached letter and understand and support all the requirements for participation involving grades, conduct, effort, practices, games, behavior, insurance, uniforms and transportation. We understand and support the consequences for failure to follow the requirements for participation.

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

Student date of birth _____ Home phone _____

I certify that _____ is in good physical health and fit to participate in the 2009-2010 sports season.

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

ST. MARY ON THE HILL ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT

I understand that I have an obligation to maintain a passing grade and a satisfactory in conduct and effort in each subject. I understand that my grades, conduct and work habits (home work and class work completed everyday) will be reviewed each week on FRIDAY and if I don't have a passing grade in each subject, good conduct, and good work habits when this review is made, I will not be eligible to continue my extracurricular activity at St. Mary on the Hill School. When signed below, I pledge to work to the best of my ability in all subjects.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

Principal's signature _____ Date _____

TURN IN TO THE COACH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE