



BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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Dear Middle School Parents and Students,

Welcome to a new year of the Brooklyn Friends School Athletic program. This letter will inform you on important Athletic and Physical Education Department policies. Please make yourself familiar with these as they will help guide your family through the upcoming school year.

Athletics is an important part of Middle School life at Brooklyn Friends School. The program serves to meet the physical abilities and to develop leadership and cooperative skills of each student. Our coaches, teachers, and student-body strongly support our athletes. I invite each parent to come to an athletic event to add to the experience of our students. Fifth and sixth graders have the opportunity to take part in the A.M. Sports program directed by Staci Otto-Martin, while seventh and eighth graders play together on Middle School competitive teams.

Below is the fall list of teams:

M.S. Girls Volleyball – a team meeting and practice will be held *Wednesday, September 1st*.

M.S. Boys Soccer – a team meeting and practice will be held *Wednesday, September 1st*.

M.S. Boys & M.S. Girls Cross Country- will have a meeting on *Wednesday, September 1st*.

The **teams** will meet 3 – 4 times a week for practices and games. Once a student has joined a team, *commitment* is very important as well as *behavior, sportsmanship, respect, and teamwork*. Coaches will hand out important information packets with practice and game schedules at the first meeting. Schedules can be found online at the school website or at www.highschoolsports.net. Students will be finished practicing between 4:45pm and 5:15pm. Home games will be over by 6:00pm, and we anticipate that the teams will arrive back at school around 6:30pm from away games. All students must go back to school after games unless they are picked up at the game by a parent/guardian or a letter is presented to the coach giving permission for the student to be dismissed from the game site.

Winter/Spring Season offerings:

Winter: Dec. – Feb.

Boys	7-8	basketball team
Girls	7-8	basketball team

Spring: March – May

Boys	7-8	baseball team
Boys	7-8	track team
Girls	7-8	softball team
Girls	7-8	track team

It is important for you and your child to understand the various policies that relate to the athletic and physical education departments. I ask that you and your child review them together.

Policy for after-school dismissal:

Students participating in after-school sports must bring their books and coats down to the locker room when changing for games or practice. **IT IS VERY IMPORANT THAT STUDENTS LOCK THEIR LOCKERS.** Students are dismissed from the locker room and not allowed to return to the Middle School floors. After games or practices, students are expected to leave the building and depart for home immediately unless they go directly to an after-school program.

All Middle School students will be escorted back to the school unless they give the coach a note from a parent/guardian on the day of the game or are picked up from the game site.

Uniform Policy:

A uniform is loaned to the student for the season in which he or she is a participant. **A \$100 DEPOSIT is required for each student who joins a team. PLEASE DO NOT PUT A DATE ON THIS CHECK.** This deposit will be returned when the uniform is handed in at the end of the season. Please make checks payable to **Brooklyn Friends School**. It is the responsibility of each student to take care of the uniform and return it washed at the end of the season. Parents can help by encouraging their child to bring the uniform home from time to time to be laundered and by seeing that it is returned at the end of the season.

Health Form Policy:

Every student must have a medical form on file with the school nurse in order to practice or participate on an athletic team.

Locker Policy:

All students are assigned lockers and given locks. It is the student's responsibility to keep all clothes and valuables **locked** in their locker. Families will be billed \$5 for lost or unreturned locks.

You can view our team schedules on the internet by logging onto www.highschoolsports.net. Once on the website select "New York" and then select "Brooklyn Friends School". You will then be able to view our athletic schedules for each sport in their entirety. I hope you make use of this website.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing many of you at athletic events this school year.

In Friendship,

David Gardella
Athletic Director