

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

DATE: August 1, 2007

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 cheer leading 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 the team must maintain passing grades, 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 and grades are re-evaluated the next Friday. Students that are ineligible to play due to grades are required to attend practices and games.

Registration – Students register by attending the introductory meeting with the coach and by returning the signed Athletic Permission Form which is attached. In order to be registered, 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. 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 of registrations exceeding this number, a try-out session will be completed 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 and the particular game situation and is left to the discretion of the coach.

Conduct – Students must follow instructions of coaches, cooperate with team members and practice principles of good sportsmanship at both practices and games. Inappropriate language, embarrassing, humiliating, or immoral behavior, or taunting opponents, as well as rudeness and arguing with coaches, teammates, opponents, officials and spectators will NOT be tolerated.

First offense is an automatic game suspension. Second offense will result with permanent removal from the team for the remainder of the season.

If an athlete has been issued a detention or a mandatory study hall on a scheduled game or practice day, the athlete serves 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.

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 cheer leaders will be issued a uniform and 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 need their own clubs and shoes. Tennis players will need 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 that have returned their signed permission form.** Clean (no bleach please) uniforms are to be returned one week after the final game to Mrs. Leonard **with the students name please.** A player may not participate in another sport or receive the final 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 covered by the mandatory 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 one eighth grade student during the season with the highest overall grade average. The awards are announced and presented at the eighth grade commencement exercises.

Every student participating during the year and their parents will be invited to the sports banquet in May. All participating students will be recognized.

Please see permission form and registration in a separate attachment. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Shine.

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 _____ Cheer leading _____

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

We 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 DOB _____ H phone _____ Parent email _____

I certify that _____ is in good physical health and fit to participate in the 2007-08 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 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