

Dear Parents and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer Players,

We had an outstanding soccer season last year and have every reason to expect that we will have just as much fun, growth, and success this fall. Our school's reputation for sportsmanship and competitive teams is well-known, and we are looking forward to many of you joining the team this fall and helping us continue to represent God and WCGS on the athletic field.

Our fall soccer program, in keeping with our conference, is an all-boys program. The spring soccer program is for the girls. Last year the WCGS boys and girls teams both performed exceptionally well!

We will have our first day of tryouts on Tuesday, August 21. I expect that tryouts will last for 3 days. Each day we will begin at 3:45 p.m. and conclude at 5:15 p.m. We will continue with those practice times for the remainder of the season. We will have two teams, a Varsity team and a Jr. Varsity team. The maximum number of players on each team will be set at 16. If we have more players attend tryouts than we can include on our roster, those players who will not be on the team will be notified at the end of Thursday's tryout.

**PARENTS**, a link to our game schedule will be posted on the school's website. Please be aware that it is likely that there will be a few revisions to this schedule. We will have a few games during the season that are away at other schools. Our ability to get the players to these games depends on each of you being willing to drive to 2 or 3 games. Typically we leave school at 3:00 p.m. and the games conclude around 6:00 p.m. Please look on the school website as the season approaches to see which games are away and try to set aside a few of the games to drive. We realize that as the school year draws nearer you will be asked to help with a number of activities, so blocking out driving days early will avoid conflicts during the season. During our parent meeting at the end of August, I will ask about your availability to drive.

Each season there are numerous questions regarding who will play on each team. The team make-up is entirely dependent on the players who come out to join the soccer teams. During our parent meeting, we will be able to address this topic in more detail. I also fully realize that music lessons, club soccer and other activities will cause some scheduling conflicts. The season only lasts eight weeks and, in most cases, we can work through scheduling conflicts. Please think this through over the next few weeks and feel free to send me an email if you have questions or concerns.

**PLAYERS**, please do your best to spend a minimum of 3 days per week this summer conditioning and working on ball skills. I recommend a minimum of a 1 mile run each day at the beginning of the summer and make it your goal to get to 2 miles before tryouts. In addition to running making sure that you are juggling, dribbling and shooting a soccer ball for at least 30 minutes 3 days per week.

Finally, if you have not already turned in your sports physical, you must have it to the school office by Wednesday, August 8. It is required that this be on file BEFORE you try out. There are no exceptions! Also, remember that all practices and games require shin guards and soccer cleats.

I am looking forward to working with you throughout the upcoming season. Together, with the prayer and support of all the players, parents, faculty, administration and coaches, we will work hard to make this a positive and valuable experience for everyone involved.

Sincerely,

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