



WHS Athletic Department Presentation

Athletic Director
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Introductions

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Our Fall Coaches:

Girls Volleyball - Crystal Cornejo-Perez - crystal_cornejo-pere@pvusd.net

Girls Tennis - Anne Childers - ahchilders@gmail.com

Girls Golf - Steve Martin - steve_martin@pvusd.net

Cross Country - David Knight - david_knight@pvusd.net

Football - Anthony Valdivia - anthony_valdivia@pvusd.net

Season of Sports

Fall Sports - Official Start Date - August 5th

Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Girls Golf, Girls Volleyball, Football

Winter - Official Start Date -October 31st

Girls Basketball, Girls Soccer, Boys Basketball, Boys Soccer, Wrestling

Spring - Official Start Date -January 30th

Softball, Swimming, Lacrosse, Boys Golf, Baseball, Track & Field, Boys Volleyball

The Role of High School Sports

- **The role of high school athletics is to prepare student athletes of today with necessary skills that will allow them to become productive citizens of tomorrow. High school sports should be a positive experience for everyone with priorities placed on developing values and learning life lessons rather than securing scholarships or becoming professional athletes.**
- **Athletics promotes the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, and commitment. Sportsmanship, respect for participants, and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the contest. All athletes do not perform at the same level, but all can demonstrate effort, dedication, sportsmanship and positive citizenship.**

Role & Benefits

Roles of High School Sports

- The field, court or pool is an extension of the classroom
- Lifetime Values
- Citizenship
- Sportsmanship
- Teamwork
- Hard Work

Benefits of High School Sports

- Responsibility
- Cooperation
- Discipline
- Work ethic
- Working towards a common goal
- Gain lifelong friendships
- Develop/enhance self-confidence
- Fosters a sense of school pride
- Organizational Skills

Parents' Role Within High School Sports

- **Be a supporter of the school, the team as a whole, the players and the coach.**
- **Be a fan of HS sports.** (following CCS sportsmanship guidelines)
- **Volunteer where necessary/possible.**
 - **Snack bar**
 - **Fundraising Events**
 - **Transportation**
 - **Chain Gang @ Football Games, Field preparation or court setup**

Parent Guidelines

- Focus on effort rather than results
- Assume good will
- Help your athlete learn to advocate for themselves
- Recognize who's in charge
 - You cannot determine the HS sport experience
- Coaches have to balance competing needs
 - The pie is limited, every player will not get what you want
 - Team concept requires give and take and mutual sacrifices for the sake of the whole.
- If you have a concern, please know the chain-of command:
 - Athlete → Coach
 - Parent & Athlete → Coach
 - Parent & Athlete → Coach & Athletic Director
 - Parent & Athlete → Principal & Athletic Director
- High School athletics is a competitive enterprise. It is not a recreational sports program. Playing time will never be equal

Treatment of Officials

- There are two objectives worth considering regarding officials. A good minimum objective is to make sure that you conduct yourself in a way that “Honors the Game”. A worthy, more ambitious objective would be to help defuse the situation with the verbally abusive parents.
- Calls during a game go both ways. You can defuse tension by calling attention to good calls that officials make as well as bad calls that go against the other team (which are usually ignored while call against “our” team are held close.
- Good practice, thank officials after the game

Athletic Paperwork

- ❖ **Sports Physical Form** (signed by doctor stated student can participate in High School Sports)
- ❖ **Agreement for Team Participation**
- ❖ **Agreement for Parent Support**
 - ❖ **Insurance Information** (student must be covered by insurance to participate)
- ❖ **Concussion & Head Injury Information Sheet**
- ❖ **Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet**
- ❖ **Social Media Contract**

Athletic Registration

New users:

Registration at <https://athleticclearance.com/>

- Click on “CA”
- Click “Register”
- Fill in Registration information.
 - All information should be of the Student-Athlete
 - Do not use your school email. Please use a personal email
 - Remember your password, please write it down somewhere to save
 - The school year you are registering for is 2022-23

Once you are registered, pick any sports you plan on participating during the school year.

Academic Eligibility

Minimum Requirements:

- ❖ **Must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 classes**
 - ❖ **Must have a minimum of a D or passing 5 classes**
 - ❖ **GPA must be 2.0 or greater**
 - ❖ **Advisory Class is not used in GPA calculations**
 - ❖ **A “CR” or “Passing” grade is counted as a “C” when calculating GPA**
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- **Grades are “frozen” on a specific date. Whatever the grades are on the “frozen date” is when GPA is calculated.**
 - **That calculation stands & is not adjusted unless teacher made a mistake & turns in a “Grade Change Form” to the Registrar & it’s approved by the Principal**

What to expect from the Coach

- To be organized
- To communicate important information (Remind App)
- To be dedicated to the development of the program and the student
- To be honest and professional
- To provide leadership towards success on and off the court
- To listen
- Being there for students for their total development
- To work hard and give effort
- Positive attitude
- To be an educator of the sport, academics and life to the best of their abilities.

Coaches' Rights

- ❖ **Head Coach determines cuts & who will make the team after tryouts**
- ❖ **Head Coach decides playing time**
- ❖ **Head Coach decides playing strategies**
- ❖ **Head Coach & AD determine practice times**
- ❖ **Head Coach sets team rules & program philosophy**
- ❖ **Head Coach sets season schedule, minus league schedule**

Complaint Protocol

Important to please wait at least 24 hours before approaching a coach with a complaint. We call this the “cool down period.”

- ❖ Student has meeting with Coach regarding any issues/questions/concerns
- ❖ Student & Parent setup a meeting with Coach
- ❖ Coach sets up a meeting with AD, Parent, Student & Coach
- ❖ AD sets up a meeting with Asst. Principal, AD, Parent, Student & Coach

If protocol isn't followed, you will be instructed to go back to follow this protocol

In Closing

Everyone involved, ultimately is here for the same reason: To give your son/daughter a viable life changing experience through sports. We all care for your son/daughter's future and high school experience.

We are sharing this with you because of our commitment and loyalty to WHS Athletics.

We hope the student-athlete grows through their experiences participating in High School Athletics.