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NMCS Families,

We are off and rolling! Such a busy and exciting start to the school year. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and helped out at some of our major Fall fundraising events including DALMAC and the Fish Fry's. I enjoyed getting to know everyone and mingling throughout the crowd.

Surprisingly, Fall sports are wrapping up and we will soon be transitioning into the Winter Sports Season. Before we get caught up in the busyness of another season change, please take a moment to review the details below regarding upcoming events, special announcements, and progress we have made over the past 3 months.

Comet Commitment Reminder

At NMCS, playing sports and being involved in the Comet Community is a privilege. Within this Christian community, we all play an important role in upholding our beliefs and guidelines. As a reminder regarding our "Comet Commitment," even in the busyness of the season, we still pursue excellence in all we do on and off the playing surface.

Being a Comet means that we are uniquely different in how we operate and compete. As Christ followers, it brings our community great joy to see our teams interacting and competing in ways that set us apart from the competition and in ways that bring joy to our Lord and Savior.

Eligibility Checks

What does it mean to be ineligible?

1. Absent from class for at least ½ day
2. Not enrolled in at least 6 classes
3. Failing 1 or more classes
4. Incomplete classwork (3 or more missing assignments)
5. Violation of the Comet Commitment and Christian Citizenship agreement

Consequences

1. Sitting out practice or competition until missing assignments are completed.
2. Sitting out practice or competition until appropriate effort (individual plan or grade is raised) is made.
3. Sitting out practice or competition until cleared by AD or Principal due to Comet Commitment violation.

Missing practice will almost always naturally lead to missing the next competition, unless cleared by Athletic Director and Principal. Practice time should be used to catch up on classwork and improve grades if a student athlete is marked ineligible.

Tracking and Communication

1. Tracked every two weeks during the active semester.
 - a. **THURSDAY WARNING**
 - i. Student athletes of concern are sent a warning email if they risk being on the "Check List" once Monday arrives.
 - ii. The weekend should be used to catchup on missing work or to improve the grade in hopes of remaining off the "Check List" come Monday.
 - b. **MONDAY CHECK**
 - i. Communication received by student athlete and parent from Athletic Director outlining ineligibility.



Livestreaming

All NMCS games are streamed live via the NFHS Network at MHSAA.TV. Please note that due to technical difficulties, some games (especially away games) may not be streamed. We will do everything we can to make sure all of our home games are streamed live.

Subscriptions can be purchased for \$10 a month at MHSAA.TV.

Webpage

Be sure to check out our new webpage if you haven't already done so. This is the most common and up to date place for the latest Comet communication. You can find the following on our webpage...

- Schedules
- Current Communication and Updates
- Links to our Comet Gear Store
- Links for Live Streaming
- Volunteer Signups
- Other Resources

Winter Sports

Winter Sports practices are just a month away! If you are interested in playing a winter sport please contact myself or the coaches listed below. Even if you are unsure about joining a team or not, we would love to have you give it a try!

For high school, girl's basketball practices start November 14. Boys basketball practices start November 21.

Varsity Boys Basketball – Kyle Benthem

Varsity Girls Basketball – Rich Bennett

JV Boys Basketball – Shawn Pattee

JV Girls Basketball – DeNay Tossey

Middle School Boys Basketball – Jeff VanNoord

Middle School Girls Basketball – Sarah Pluger

Winter Physicals

Winter Physicals should be on file in the main office by the first basketball practices. Physicals must be completed after April 15. If an athlete does not have a physical on file, they will not be able to participate.

Volunteers Needed

In order to put on multiple athletic events throughout the year, it will take a village. Everything from ticket takers, concession workers, and scoring table workers are needed! If you are interested in helping out in any capacity, please contact me via email.

Thank you for your continued support of Comet Athletics! Let's keep our excitement for our Fall teams rolling into the Winter season. Go Comets!

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NMCS Athletic Director

