

August 2, 2019

Welcome back to another year of Badger Activities

It has been a busy summer in regards to activities. We kicked off the season with our track renovation thanks to Jeremy Butcher, Northwestern Energy and our faithful community members. If you haven't had a chance to see it, I invite you to come over and check it out. We are looking forward to hosting track meets in the Spring. We have had boys and girls junior high and high school football, volleyball, and basketball camps and tournaments throughout the summer months as well as open gyms and weight training.

I am excited about our coaching staff this year. We will have many returning coaches as well as a few new faces. We have Coach John Rock and Coach Josh Pepos assisting our High School football program. Coach Liz Edmundson is taking over our Junior High girls volleyball and basketball programs. Coach Sage Butcher is assisting in Junior High girls volleyball. Coach Jason Lorang is returning to coach high school wrestling. Coach Christa Hardy and Coach Karsen Drury are taking over the girls basketball program.

As we begin another year it is important to make sure all paperwork is turned in prior to the first day of practice. All forms can be found on the school website in the athletics drop down menu under forms. The concussion baseline test is also required for all athletes in grades 7, 9, and 11 and those who did not take the baseline test last year. The baseline test will be administered during back to school night in the computer lab.

There will be a mandatory student and parent meeting for **ALL junior high and high school** students/parents participating in athletics during the 2019-20 school year. It will be held at 4:00 for students and 7:00 for parents on Friday August 16, 2019. Not only will you be given important information in regards to the upcoming year, we have also invited Proactive Coaching staff to come and speak to the students, parents, and coaches. If you have never heard of Proactive Coaching, I would encourage you to google them and see what they have to offer. They are known nationally and have years of experience and knowledge to pass on to us. If a parent/guardian cannot make the meeting, please contact me and I will schedule a makeup time for you to go over the material. We are asking all students and parents/guardians to take part in this information before the student participates in activities.

All programs will be using the TeamReach app again. All correspondence between students/parents and coaches should be done through this app or the school email accounts. Personal emails and phone numbers should not be used as a method of communication between students/parents and coaches. If you need access to the link for a specific program please contact your child's coach or you can obtain this information during back to school night and/or the parent meeting.

I am looking forward to another year of Badger activities. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at sonja.mazaira@cascade.k12.mt.us

Have a great finish to your summer!

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