



THE WHEELER SCHOOL

July 27, 2021

Hi Upper School Families,

I hope this email finds all of you enjoying a restorative summer break! With the fall sports season arriving soon, the Wheeler Athletic Department would like to share some preliminary information about the upcoming season.

First and foremost . . .

- Preseason practices will begin on Monday, August 23rd for all sports. If student-athletes are unable to attend these sessions it is important the head coach and athletic director are notified.
- Due to the extended spring season this past June, athletic directors are still finalizing game schedules for the fall and will be doing so up until Monday, August 9th. For the most updated information please go to www.wheelerwarriors.org or the Rhode Island Interscholastic League's website at www.ril.org.
- If you are interested in joining summer training workouts at the Farm with our Athletic Trainer Nate Withington please contact him at natewithington@wheelerschool.org to learn more.
- Lastly, as of right now the Athletic Department, in conjunction with Wheeler's Healthy Task Force and guidance from the Rhode Island Department of Health, are working to create/update a list of any COVID-19-related protocols. Those will be available before the start of preseason and posted on the Wheeler Warriors Website.

Below you will find details regarding athletics to begin the school year; however, if you have any additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and Go Wheeler!

Sean Kelly '02
Director of Athletics

RIL Assumption of Risk Form

The **Assumption of Risk Form** can be found [HERE](#). All 9th grade students and any student new to Wheeler Upper School must complete the AOR form before their first competition. **Once completed, please provide Nate Withington with the original document.** You can drop this waiver off at the Health Office. No student can participate in any Rhode Island Interscholastic League contest without this completed document.

Concussion Testing

Information for concussion testing will be sent out via email at the start of preseason. New students and incoming freshmen will be emailed a code with instructions to take their baseline test on their own computers at home. Students should be on the lookout for that information in their email. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Nate Withington [natewithington@wheelerschool.org].

Driving Contract

All student-athletes who intend to drive to the Farm for athletic activity will need to submit a driving contract, which can be found [HERE](#).

Preseason Practice Information (August 23 - August 27)

Coaches will be in touch with players via email regarding any information specific to their sports as we move closer to the start date. *PLEASE NOTE: Starting the week of Monday, August 30th, practice time will change from 3:45 - 5:30.*

Boys Soccer

Where: The Wheeler Farm

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Accessories: cleats and shin pads

Varsity Coaches: Oscar Zorrilla [oscarzorrilla@wheelerschool.org] and Peter Pond [pondpeter11@gmail.com]

JV Coaches: Jack Pilgrim [jpilgrim@risd.edu] and Josh Cabrera [joshcabrera@wheelerschool.org]

Girls Soccer

Where: The Wheeler Farm

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Accessories: cleats and shin pads

Coaches: Eric Delgado [ericdelgado@wheelerschoo.org] and TBD

Girls Tennis

Where: The Wheeler Farm

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Accessories: tennis racket

Coaches: Joe Testa [joetennis32@gmail.com], Marco Amendola, and Kat Braganca

Cross Country

Where: Providence Campus 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Accessories: none

Coaches: Ned Fischer [nedfischer@wheelerschool.org], Kim Gustafson , and Erin Kilduff

Field Hockey

Where: The Wheeler Farm

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Accessories needed: field hockey stick, cleats, shin pads, and a mouth piece (Nate Withington will have additional mouth pieces available if students forget theirs at home)

Varsity Coaches: Tacy Zysk [tacyzysk@gmail.com] and Maya Sullivan [msulli13@wellesley.edu]

JV Coach: Maya Sullivan

Football

Where: Providence Country Day School

For more information please contact: Steve Nadeau [steven.nadeau@ppsd.org]

Cancellations/Postponements

After the first week of preseason, most sports will practice Monday through Friday from 3:45 - 5:30 pm, barring a coach's decision, a scheduled game/meet/match, or inclement weather. **In circumstances of cancelling due to weather, student-athletes and families will receive notification via email and through posts on the Wheeler Warriors social media.**

For game changes, postponements, and/or cancellations, I encourage families to sign up for the Notify Me feature on the Wheeler Warriors website – www.wheelerwarriors.org. The system is directly linked to the master schedule and you will be notified of any changes.

Transportation

Wheeler provides transportation to and from the Providence Campus on all practice days. Once the school day ends, student-athletes can find those busses on Angell Street.

Practices will generally run from roughly 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm. At the end of practice, busses will depart the Farm and arrive back at Wheeler between 5:45 pm - 6:00 pm. Students who take the bus back to Providence should plan on bringing all of their belongings with them at the culmination of the school day.