

**The Summit Country Day School
Department of Athletics**

May 14, 2018

Dear Parents and Student-Athletes:

Greetings from the Silver Knights' Athletic Department! We hope this letter finds you enjoying the start of the summer season. The Athletic Department has been very busy preparing for the upcoming fall of 2018

Again in 2018-19 we are "going green" and will post the Athletic Handbook on our website! There is valuable information in this handbook - you may print it or just refer to it on the website. (We have also included a "Parent/Student-Athlete Contract) which both the student and parent sign on the respectful Portals.

Here are a couple reminders about policies that changed in the past four years. We no longer accept the paper Emergency Medical Authorization (EMA) this form is completed when your Magnus Health profile is submitted. All forms should be completed by July 17th.

On **Monday, August 13th**, we will be hosting our Fall Parent/Player/Coach Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia's Hall. We will be discussing policies for the upcoming year, along with the opportunity to meet with your coaches and other parents.

The first day of school will be Wednesday August 15th please keep in mind that **ALL FALL ATHLETES MUST REPORT ON AUGUST 1ST**

As the fall season quickly approaches I would like to pass on information to you that should be helpful.

Q. Where can I obtain an OHSAA physical exam form?

A. All forms can be printed from Magnus Health site or found on the link below.
<http://www.summitcds.org/athletics/Forms1.cfm>

Q. Can my child practice without a physical?

A. No, an athlete cannot take the field until he/she has a physical on file in the athletic office.

Q. If we live out of state, can my child participate in athletics?

A. No, with two exceptions. One would be if you moved into Ohio. Second, if you are what is considered a "lifer." Since we are a K-12 school, if your child entered school here in the first grade and has continually maintained enrollment at The Summit, then he/she is permitted to participate. Of course, an appeal can be made in writing to the Commissioner of the OHSAA, if you wish.

Q. Can you explain the transfer rule?

- A. The transfer rule states that when a student chooses a school to attend for their 9th grade year, they have chosen their “home” school during those high school years; they will be ineligible for 50% of the season that they participated in at the sending school, If the students did not participate in a sport the year before at the sending school he or she will be eligible right away at the receiving school.

Exceptions:

1. The student’s school closes;
 2. The student’s parent/s moves from one public school district to another;
 3. The student has to enter a school for the deaf or blind;
 4. If the Superintendent of the student’s “home” school consents in writing that due to the mental or physical well-being of that student is in jeopardy, the student would be better served at another school. The Superintendent of the other school must also agree in writing and the OHSAA Commission must approve this move. An example of this would be that possible physical or mental harm will come to the student if they stay in their “home” school.
- Q. If my child is participating in high school or middle school soccer, can they continue to play club soccer?
- A. Yes, as long as the club soccer is not during the same time of the year as the school soccer. Once a choice has been made to play interscholastic sports in grades 7-12, any other teams that the athlete is on in that sport (in this case soccer) must stop. Soccer is being used as an example, but it applies to all sports.
- Q. How can I stay updated with scores and team schedules during the school year?
- A. If you go to the athletic website and click on the season and then the team, you will be able to access all of the information that you will need, such as game times, directions, and updated scores. You can also get coaches’ information. You can also download the Superfan app on your smart phone.

These are just a few answers to some frequently asked questions. I am sure you may have more questions, so please do not hesitate to call the athletic office at the numbers listed below. We are here to serve you.

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Our website is your best bet for the most current schedules, athletic information, coaches’ links, directions, etc. If a contest is cancelled or times have changed, we will update the website immediately. Parents should sign up for notifications on the Portal for the sport/s in which your student is participating, as postings are often made on the Portal.

Sportsmanship:

As a member of the Miami Valley Conference (MVC) all participants and fans attending all practices or contests will be held to the highest standard of sportsmanship. Parents and spectators are encouraged to cheer for our athletes and not against the other team. Allow the coaches to coach; let the players play; and let the officials officiate so everyone can enjoy all athletic events. During our league student forums, students are brought together to discuss sportsmanship and ways to improve it in the MVC. The most repeated comments made by these student-athletes are that they want to have fun and that everyone needs to remember - *it is* just a game.

List of Head Coaches with e-mail addresses:

Fall:

Cheerleading	Ms. Sheila Woods	woods_s@summitcds.org
Cross Country	Mr. Kurtis Smith	smith_k@summitcds.org
Field Hockey	Ms. Emily Betz	Emilybetz26@gmail.com
Football	Mr. Justin Isaacs	Isaacs_j@summitcds.org
Boys' Golf	Mr. Tim Jedding	jedding_t@summitcds.org
Girls' Golf	Mrs. Cathy Flesch	flesch_c@summitcds.org
Boys' Soccer	Mr. Scott Sievering	Sievering_s@summitcds.org
Girls' Soccer	Mr. Mike Fee	fee_m@summitcds.org
Girls' Tennis	Ms. Michelle Hellman	Michelle_hellman1@yahoo.com
Girls' Volleyball	Ms. Anitra Brockman	Brockman_a@summitcds.org

Winter:

Boys' Basketball	Mr. Patrick Cosgrove	cosgrove_p@summitcds.org
Girls' Basketball	Ms. Beth Simmons	simmons_b@summitcds.org
Bowling	Mr. Ed Escudero	escudero_e@summitcds.org
Cheerleading	Ms. Sheila Woods	Woods_s@summitcds.org
Swimming & Diving	Ms. Susan Miller	miller_s@summitcds.org
Indoor Track	Mr. Kurtis Smith	smith_k@summitcds.org
Wrestling	Mr. Jim Covert	covert_j@summitcds.org

Spring:

Baseball	Mr. Triffon Callos	triffonc@hotmail.com
Boys' Lacrosse	Mr. Pat Collura	lacref@aol.com
Girls' Lacrosse	Ms. Jessica Burke	Jeburke24@gmail.com
Boys' Tennis	Mr. Scott McIntosh	Smcintosh100@gmail.com
Boys' Track	Ms. Kim Horning	Horning_k@summitcds.org
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Enjoy the rest of the school year and your summer, and we encourage all students to get involved as much as possible during their time here at The Summit.

May God bless and keep you all,

Gregory G. Dennis
Director of Athletics