

Interscholastic Athletics at Garden Spot Middle School 2018-2019

Dear Parents of Current 6th Graders,

Along with the many changes your child will encounter next year as they make the transition to Middle School are interscholastic sports offerings. This letter will give a list of all sports offered at Garden Spot Middle School. Also included is a brief description of each fall sport and how to get more specific information.

An interscholastic sport is one that competes with other schools. Some of these sports require a try out because they have limited roster positions while other sports include everyone that signs up. Each sport practices every day, most of them from 2:45 pm - 5:30 pm and all require their players to attend all practices and games. Students participating in interscholastic athletics must also follow all Garden Spot Athletic Department policies and team rules including being in school by 8:00 am on days of practice and games, and not failing more than one class at any time during that sport season.

Garden Spot Middle School Sports:

| <u>Fall</u> | <u>Winter</u> | <u>Spring</u> |
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| Girls Field Hockey | Boys & Girls Basketball | Boys & Girls Track & Field |
| Girls Volleyball | Boys Wrestling | |
| Boys & Girls Cross Country | Winter Cheerleading | |
| Boys Football | | |
| Boys Soccer | | |
| Girls Soccer | | |
| Fall Cheerleading | | |

Winter and Spring sports have sign ups and informational meetings during the school year. Students will know about these meetings through signs posted in the halls and announcements read each morning in homeroom.

All Fall sports start practice in August during what is called pre-season. In order to participate in these sports students must have a physical exam by their family doctor before they may start practice. This exam must be dated after June 1, 2018 and will be valid for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. All athletic department forms can be found on the ELANCO website under the "Activities" tab at the top of the homepage and then the Athletics tab on the dropdown menu. Athletic paperwork for fall sports is due to Ms. Montagna in the Athletic Office by August 1, 2018.

All Garden Spot Activities require an activity fee. This is a one-time annual fee that is collected at the time of your first activity. This encompasses all athletics and extra-curricular clubs for the school year.

Most sports have some kind of open play nights during the summer to get you introduced to that sport and in shape before the season begins. More information can come from the sports' coaching staff and through individual sport website, if they have one.

FALL SPORT INFORMATION:

Girls Field Hockey

- * No try out, everyone is welcome. Open Play: Tuesdays 6:00-7:30 pm Tower Road Field starting June 19
- * "Meet the Coaches" – Monday August 20th 5:30 pm Tower Road Field
- * Practice begins on Monday, August 20th 3:00–5:30pm and will be held daily on the Field Hockey field
- * Equipment required: sneakers or soccer type spikes, field hockey stick, shin guards, goggles & mouth guard
- * Parent Meeting May 23, 2018 7 pm – Aux. Cafeteria in the high school (by the new high school gym)
- * E-mail for information to Coach Katy Eby – katyeby6@gmail.com

Girls Volleyball

- * Volleyball camp at GSHS June 18 –June 20: 8:00am-12Noon
- * Try outs will be Monday August 20th & Tuesday August 21st from 3-5pm in the new gym. Regular practice August 22nd -24th 3-5pm
- * Equipment required: sneakers
- * E-mail Coach Williams for information – lei_williams@elanco.org

Boys and Girls Cross Country

- * No try out, everyone is welcome
- * Practice starts Monday, August 13th at 3:00 pm at the softball field to the left of the tennis courts
- * Equipment required: Running shoes
- * E-mail for information to Coach Becker – tb1266@messiah.edu

Boys Football

- * No try out, everyone is welcome
- * Practice starts Monday, August 20th at 3:00PM on the football practice field behind the stadium
- * Equipment pick up and parent meeting are to be determined
- * Equipment required: football spikes (Cleats may be blue, black, gray or white), personal protective gear
- * E-mail Coach Long – jonathan_long@elanco.org for summer workout schedule and further information.
- ******Please note: The Middle School football team does not have a junior varsity schedule******

Boys Soccer

- * No try out, everyone is welcome
- * Middle School Coach Ken Herr / Assistant Rob Arrick
- * Summer Open play will begin in July. Please register for open play by emailing ken_herr@elanco.org for more information and to receive updated and invites about team events.
- * Team preseason camp: this is a free voluntary team camp to acclimate players to the team.
- * Practice - first mandatory practice Monday August 20th.
- * Equipment required: soccer spikes & shin guards
- * Contact Coach Ken Herr for more information: ken_herr@elanco.org

Girls Soccer

- * No try out, everyone is welcome
- * Open play in the summer: TBD Please email Coach Klinger (hmklinger@comcast.net to receive updates via email
- * Practice starts Monday, August 20th 2:45 – 5:00pm
- * Equipment required: soccer spikes, shin guards
- * All girls interested should email Coach Klinger with contact information: hmklinger@comcast.net

Fall Cheerleading

- * No try out, everyone is welcome.
- * Informal practices: Tentatively - Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9:00 – 11:00 am on the high school track beginning July 10th. No practice will be held August 2nd.
- * Practice starts Monday, August 20th at 4:00 pm in the high school gym.
- * Equipment required: sneakers
- * Additional costs: bow, t-shirt, leggings, white sneakers & bloomers
- * E-mail for information to Coach Beatty – Kelly_beatty@elanco.org

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WINTER SPORTS:

Boys Basketball

- * Boys & Girls Basketball Camp June 26th – 28th 8:30am – 12 noon
- * For more information contact: ryan_trupe@elanco.org

Girls Basketball

- * Girls & Boys Basketball Camp June 26th – 28th 8:30am – 12 noon
- * For more information contact: kevingensemer1@gmail.com

Wrestling

- * Summer Opportunity Camp: June 12th -14th 6:00 –8:00 pm in the high school wrestling room
- * Open Mat Nights – Every Wednesday evening 6:30 – 8:00 pm Wrestling Room beginning June 18th
- * For more information contact Coach Bunting at: adam_bunting@elanco.org
- * <http://www.gardenspotwrestling.com>

If you have any other questions feel free to contact the athletic office at 354-1141.

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