



October 29, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hope you are having a great fall season and are looking forward to the winter! I am sending you this letter to discuss the plan for our Athletics program for this winter season at Marie Philip School.

Middle School & Varsity Basketball – The basketball try-outs for middle school and varsity basketball teams will be on both Monday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 8. There will be a Blood Drive to be held in the gym on Tuesday, November 7.

Cheerleading – After a few years of hiatus, we are bringing back the cheerleading program and it will be run by our alumni, Samantha Perry ('12). We hope to garner some interest from your child/ren to participate in this program. The cheerleading team will be cheering at MPS home games. The first day will be on Monday, November 6.

Special Olympics Bowling – The first day of Special Olympics Massachusetts (SOMA) Bowling will be on Thursday, November 30 and the practices will be at AMF Auburn in Auburn.

Water Bottles – Starting November 6, your child is to bring a water bottle to use to drink during practices and games. Please make sure to put their name permanently on the bottle.

Physical Examination (PE), Student Emergency Information (SEI) Forms due date → MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – If your child did not participate in Athletics this fall, please make sure to fill it out and have the forms ready in advance, instead of causing delays during the winter season. You can go online, https://www.tlcdeaf.org/cf_news/view.cfm?newsid=285, where you can type and print it before sending it to my attention. You can also save the form and send the attachment to me via email as well. If these forms are not received by the deadline, your child will not be able to participate in any athletic program.

Please note if your child's PE has already expired, please get a note from your physician regarding the date of the upcoming appointment for PE. Please do not send us the expired PE.

WINTER SEASON - Enclosed is the copy of practice schedule for the season. The game schedule is shown online, <http://www.tlcdeaf.org/page.cfm?p=401>. I encourage you to share the document and link with your town representative and/or cab drivers.

FEE – The fee for each sport varies, but all will include a warm-up shirt. The shirt will have your child's name on it. On the last page, please put down the size of the shirt, as I will order them during the week of November 13.



In the next two pages, I would like to share with you the backgrounds of our coaches and the logistics for schedules this season.

MPS ATHLETICS COACHES

JOHN MONAHAN – GALLOPING GHOSTS VARSITY BASKETBALL – contact info: John_Monahan@TLCDeaf.org

John Monahan is entering his 21st year as the Head Coach for the Galloping Ghosts Varsity Basketball Team. Born and raised in Boston, MA, John Monahan graduated from the Clarke School for the Deaf in 1978 and Newton North High School in 1981. While at Newton North he was a member of the boys' varsity basketball team and played against former New York Knicks great, Patrick Ewing, six times. While as the head coach for the Galloping Ghosts Varsity team, John has been selected as Coach of the Year by National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association (NDIAA) twice and also received the Oswald Tower Award in 2010 which is awarded by the IAABO #27 (Coach of the Year by Massachusetts Basketball officials). In February 2017 John achieved his 250th victory as head coach.

SEAN SULLIVAN – LADY GHOSTS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH – contact info: Sean_Sullivan@TLCDeaf.org

Sean Sullivan is entering his 5th season overall as basketball coach and this year will be his 3rd season as the Head Coach for the Lady Ghosts Varsity Basketball Team. He hails from Rhode Island School for the Deaf and Toll Gate High School in Providence, and graduated from Gallaudet University where he participated in the collegiate soccer program. He had coached at RISD and American School for the Deaf before taking the job as the head coach here at MPS. He looks forward to seeing the team get ready for the season!

LAURA NOVOTNY – SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWLING – contact info: Laura_Novotny@TLCDeaf.org

Laura Novotny will be starting her 10th season as the head coach of the MPS Special Olympics bowling team. She has coached Special Olympics athletes for over twenty years. Coach Novotny is a certified coach through Special Olympics Massachusetts (SOMA) and attends regular coaches trainings in the areas of soccer, bowling, and track and field.

JUSTIN CARRUS – GALLOPING GHOSTS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL – contact info:

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Justin Carrus is entering his third year as the head coach for the Galloping Ghosts Middle School basketball team. He graduated from MPS in 2009 and had played for the Galloping Ghosts Varsity Basketball for four years (2006-2009) under Coach Monahan. The team had earned awards and recognitions such as National Champions for Division 2 Schools, Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Division II champions, Massachusetts Bay Independent League (MBIL) Division 2 champions, New England Tip Off champions. Last season, the middle school team won the Tri State basketball tournament and New England basketball tournament. He looks forward to a new season!



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ANDREW BARKER – LADY GHOSTS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL – contact info:

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Andrew Barker is returning for his 2nd season as the head coach for the Lady Ghosts Middle School Basketball. He has experienced coaching in the basketball program when he coached Youth Basketball in 2010 and Elementary Basketball in 2014. He came from the state of basketball powerhouse, Indiana, where he played five years under well-known coaches in Indiana.

SAMANTHA PERRY – CHEERLEADING – contact info: Samantha_Perry@TLCDeaf.org

Samantha Perry is entering her first year as the cheerleader head coach. She was on the MPS cheerleading team for six years (7th grader to senior) and had been the captain of the team during her last two years as the cheerleader. She was a member of the original cheerleader team, which started up from the scratch, and she is very excited to be part of the team to build the cheerleading team once again!



LOGISTICS FOR ATHLETICS – WINTER 2017

Galloping Ghosts & Lady Ghosts Middle School Basketball

- *Try Out – Monday, November 6 & Wednesday, November 8*
 - *Time of Try Out: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm*
- Mondays—Thursdays (except holidays, ½ days, and games)
 - Time of Practice: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
 - Pickup time: 4:00 pm
- Fridays – only when Varsity Teams have away games
 - Time of Practice: 2:30 pm-4:30 pm
 - Pickup time: 4:30 pm

Lady Ghosts Varsity Basketball & Cheerleading

- *Try Out – Monday, November 6 & Wednesday, November 8*
 - *Time of Try Out: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm*
 - ***Monday, November 6: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Lady Ghosts basketball only)***
- Mondays—Thursdays (except holidays, ½ days, and games)
 - Time of Practice: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
 - Pickup time: 6:15 pm
- Fridays (except holidays, ½ days, and games)
 - Time of Practice: 2:30 pm-4:30 pm
 - Pickup time: 4:30 pm

Galloping Ghosts Varsity Basketball

- *Try Out – Monday, November 6 & Wednesday, November 8*
 - *Monday only, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm*
 - *Time of Try Out: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm*
- Mondays—Thursdays (except holidays, ½ days, and games)
 - Time of Practice: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
 - Pickup time: 7:15 pm
- Fridays (except holidays, ½ days, and games)
 - Time of Practice: 2:30 pm-4:30 pm
 - Pickup time: 4:30 pm

Special Olympics Bowling

- **First Day: Thursday, November 30; Last Day: Thursday, February 15**
 - Day: Thursdays (except holidays, ½ days, and games)
 - Time of Practice: 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm
 - Pickup time @ MPS: 5:00 pm



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I look forward to seeing our teams having an excellent winter season and showing a great attitude and sportsmanship! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions via email at david_delpizzo@tlcdeaf.org, or call me at 508.283.1045 through the video relay service.

GO GHOSTS!

David S. Del Pizzo

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Director, Athletics & After School Programs

cc: Jennifer Greenfield, Director of Marie Philip School





WINTER 2017-2018
Permission to join Athletics form

I give my permission to allow my child, _____, to participate in one of the following programs below. Enclosed is the fee for participation as well as my child's current Physical Examination & Student's Emergency Information forms for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Program:	Fee:	WARM UP SHIRT SIZE (XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)	Program to join (mark 'X')	Student Emergency Info. (SEI) form completed (mark 'X')	Updated Physical Exam. Form Completed (mark 'X')
Cheerleading	\$45				
Special Olympics Bowling	\$45				
Lady Ghosts Middle School Basketball	\$80				
Lady Ghost Varsity Basketball	\$80				
Galloping Ghosts Middle School Basketball	\$80				
Galloping Ghosts Varsity Basketball	\$80				

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date