



PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

July 31, 2020

Dear Upper School Parents of Fall Sport Participants,

I hope this note finds you and your families staying healthy and active this summer. I wanted to write you today to provide an update on the current plan for Upper School Athletics this coming fall. As a reminder—the School continues to put the health and safety of all members of the community as the priority with regards to any decision to bringing people back on campus.

Pre-Season Fall Athletics

- At this time, we are anticipating that we will be allowed to return to play on the PDS campus with our athletes on the **scheduled pre-season start date of Monday, August 24.**
- Practice times and any sort of screening protocols will be communicated out at a later date.
- As a reminder, if you have any plans to be out of state in the coming month, please be prepared that you may have to quarantine if you travel to states on the NJ travel advisory list, which may affect your ability to participate in pre-season sports. You can find the list [here](#).

Interscholastic Competition

- At this time, we intend to follow the NJSIAA guidelines around competitive play for the fall 2020 season. The NJSIAA has mandated an abbreviated season:
 - Girls Tennis: September 28 – October 23
 - All other fall sports: October 1 – November 12
- Post-season play is yet to be determined at this time

Two New Varsity Coaches

I am pleased to welcome two new coaches who will lead Varsity programs:

Mike Villafane—Girls Volleyball: Mike is familiar with the PDS campus, having served as a Head Coach within the Princeton Volleyball Program since 2014 working mainly with the 15u and 17u girls teams. Recently he was also an assistant coach at Bryn Athyn College for the last 3 years.

Chris Rosensteel—Girls Tennis: Chris already serves as the Varsity coach for our boys program, having taken the helm this past spring season. Prior to coaching at PDS, Chris worked as a tennis professional at the Princeton Tennis Program and has also been an Assistant Coach of both Men's and Women's teams at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) since 2017. Coach Rosensteel has also pursued a professional career—playing in both ITF and ATP events, yielding an ATP ranking in 2016.

Varsity Team Summer Communications

I remain hopeful that we will be able to have interscholastic athletics in some capacity for the coming fall. Please note that all scheduling is subject to change as we continue to follow guidelines set forth by the NJ Health Department and the various national, state and local athletic associations. The Varsity coaches will be in touch with players regarding summer workouts and any updates.

I appreciate your understanding during this challenging time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

All the best for continued health this summer,

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