Middle School Athletics Spring 2021

For the 2020-21 school year, students in <u>6th, 7th, and 8th grade</u> will have the opportunity to participate in athletics. Athletics will consist of skill development sessions and intramurals, if applicable. (As per WCPSS guidelines football, basketball, and cheerleading will only be able to hold skill development sessions.)

There will be three abbreviated seasons, as follows:

- Season 1, January 25 February 19, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading
- Season 2, February 22 March 29, Football, Girls Soccer, Volleyball, Cheerleading
- Season 3, April 7 May 14, Boys Soccer, Boys Track, Girls Track, Softball, Baseball

Skill Development sessions will generally occur Monday - Thursday, 3:30 - 4:45.

Students attending school on Plan B will participate during the weeks they attend school. Students registered for virtual academy will be assigned a cohort week in which they can participate. Cohort information for virtual academy students will be communicated to parents prior to the start of each season.

Requirements:

- All students will need to have an updated <u>Athletic Participation Form</u> on file prior to participating in any athletic activity. Forms can be uploaded electronically or printed and dropped off at school. Please note that while attendance and grade eligibility has been waived for the 2020-21 academic year, middle school students who turned 15 prior to August 31, 2020 are ineligible to participate.
- Virtual academy students must pass a health screening upon arrival on campus each day of participation.
- Virtual academy students must have transportation to school, no earlier than 3:30 on days of participation.
- All students must have transportation from school at 4:45. The after school activity bus will run it's normal route each afternoon.
- All participants must wear a face covering at all times.
- All WCPSS health and safety guidelines/COVID-19 protocols will remain in place, even during participation in athletic activities.

Any student interested in participating must complete this <u>ZMS Athletic Survey</u> by Friday, January 15. This Google Form link has been shared with students and only needs to be completed one time.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Light (<u>nlight@wcpss.net</u>) or Mr. Over (nover@wcpss.net).