

Friday, March 10, 2017

Dear Parent and Athlete:

On March 6, 2017, we conducted a mandatory Parent/Guardian-Athlete Spring Sport Meeting. Since communication and education is essential to a good partnership, attending the meeting is a requirement for eligibility in athletics from both the WIAA and our school.

Each Head Coach provided a team handout to athletes and their parent(s) and/or guardian(s), which provides information for the season. **For those who were absent, you are required to review the information that was presented at the meeting.** You may access the 2017 Spring Sport Parent Meeting slideshow under the WIAA Forms section on the Parent Information section of the Athletics page on the school website. To access the team handout(s), please click on link located on your sport's team page.

The meeting agenda is outlined below. Please read the material with your son or daughter and review the athletic guidelines in the family handbook. **Please sign and return the attached letter confirming that you reviewed the materials by Friday, March 17, 2017. Student eligibility is contingent on complying with this requirement.** You may email, fax (262) 752-2601 or submit a paper copy to the attention of the Athletic Department in the Johnson Athletic Center (JAC). Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

1. **Participation:** The Prairie School Athletic Department maintains a no-cut policy. Every athlete is guaranteed a place on a team. However, this does not guarantee an athlete the opportunity to play, dress, or letter. The right to start or play is earned by each athlete. This may include ability, attitude, and work ethic. Athletics is competitive. Athletes are encouraged to use the off seasons to improve and prepare for the following season.
2. **Eligibility:** Please review athletic physicals, academic eligibility, and the athletic code in the Parent Handbook located on The Prairie School website. Please note: Student athletes may not use alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs and are bound to the Athletic and School Codes relating to any substance use. Please discuss this with your son or daughter. Health insurance is required for every student-athlete to practice and compete.

Behavior on the field of play, in school, and in our community is equally important. Student-Athletes represent The Prairie School and are expected to conduct themselves with the highest level of good sportsmanship.

3. **Communication:** If you have concerns, please schedule an appointment with the coach to discuss them privately. All situations have two or three sides. Our goal is to calmly and constructively resolve issues that may arise. When you call me with a concern, I will encourage you to see your coach first. Your coach works with the athlete's daily and possesses the knowledge necessary to improve a situation. We maintain a 24-hour rule. We ask you to wait 24 hours before approaching a coach. Please do not stop a coach after a game or practice. Please call and make an appointment. Your son or daughter must be present in this meeting.
4. **Missed Practices and Games:** When an athlete joins a team, they are responsible and expected to attend all practices and games. Coaches will review their procedure for unexcused absences from practices and games. A loss of playing time or position may result. Athletes must communicate with





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the coach all planned absences at the start of the season. Athletes who wish to dually participate in other extracurricular activities must receive approval by the individual coach at the start of the season. A parent will be called if an athlete misses practice without an excuse from a teacher or parent. Extracurricular credit will not be given to student-athletes that do not complete a season or miss practices or games on a regular basis.

5. **Sportsmanship:** Parents, please demonstrate the highest level of good sportsmanship. Please do not shout at referees or athletes during a game. Please do come and cheer for the Prairie School Hawks. Your Sportsmanship Compact is on file in the Athletic Office.
6. **Transportation:** Athletes are asked to ride the bus to all away competitions. Parents that attend games may drive their child home only after an event. Your transportation consent is on file in the Athletic Office.
7. **Team Meetings:** Coaches reviewed season expectations, goals and defined team rules at the parent-athlete meeting. Locations of away competitions are available on The Prairie School website. The Parent/Athlete expectations for each sport are available on the team page of the website. If you have questions, please contact your coach directly.
8. **Picture:** Team pictures are available from the school photographer. Information is available on the Athletic page under photos.
9. **Letter Jackets:** Letter jackets are available for purchase at Midwest Embroidery Graphics.
10. **Athletic Trainer:** Kayla McClure from Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Ascension works closely with our coaches and athletes to keep them safe and assist with all injuries. Please notify Kayla McClure if you have any questions on injuries.
11. **Strength Coach:** Coach Shaun Liesch works with our coaches and athletes to develop conditioning and preventative injury programs. Our goal is to keep them out of the Training Room and on the playing field.
12. **Spirit wear:** Spirit wear information is available on the Athletic page of The Prairie School Web site.
13. **WIAA Information:** All WIAA Rules and Regulations are available in the Parent Athletic Handbook. Each guideline is referenced in the parent/athlete signature form. Please review all WIAA guidelines.
14. **Athletics Website.** Pertinent information is available on the school website. Please visit [www.prairieschool.com](http://www.prairieschool.com) and click on the Athletics link. You may access the most current and accurate information regarding our athletics teams and athletic facilities. The main page will list any changes or cancellations.

Please sign and return the enclosed form by Friday, March 17, 2017. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 262-752-2600.

Sincerely,

Sandy Freres, CMAA  
Athletic Director, The Prairie School







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As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, I/we were unable to attend the Spring Sport Mandatory Parent/Guardian Athlete sport information meeting on March 6, 2017. We watched the 2017 Spring Sport Parent Meeting slideshow, read the coach's team handout located on The Prairie School website and read the information in the letter that accompanied this form. We understand that we need to review the Athletic Code with our son/daughter and all other materials related to participation. As a family we understand the commitment requirement to participate in high school athletics.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to Mrs. Panthofer, Athletic Administrative Assistant, by email, fax or paper copy.

- Email: [dpanthofer@prairieschool.com](mailto:dpanthofer@prairieschool.com)
- Fax: 262-752-2601
- Mrs. Panthofer's office is located in the Johnson Athletic Center (JAC) down the hall from Sandy Freres, Athletic Director.

**Due: Friday, March 17, 2017**

