



THE WHEELER SCHOOL

Hi Wheeler Families,

Below you will find the most updated information concerning Wheeler athletics for the 2020-2021 school year.

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UPPER SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The States of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, along with the Rhode Island Interscholastic League (RIIL) have provided guidance in preparation for our “Return to Play” process.

We are currently offering summer workouts for the following Upper School teams: cross country, soccer, and field hockey. **Those workouts will run through August 31st with official sports practice set to begin on September 14th.** As of right now the RIIL has NOT provided details regarding sports between the dates of September 1st and September 14th.

If you plan on participating in fall sports please be sure to register [HERE](#).

Coaches

Below you will find information about each fall sport’s competition status, summer workout plans, and the coach’s contact information. Please feel free to reach out to coaches for additional details about their program.

Cross Country

RIIL Competition Status: Yes

Summer Workout Info: TBD

Coach: Tom Wharton (tomwharton@wheelerschool.org)

Boys Soccer

RIIL Competition Status: No

Summer Workout: Yes - Aug. 6th (5-7pm), Aug. 10th (5-7pm), Aug. 13th (5-7pm), Aug. 17th (5-7pm), Aug. 19th (5-7pm), Aug. 20th (3:30-5:30), Aug. 24th (5-7pm), Aug. 26th (5-7pm), Aug. 27th (3:30-5:30pm), Aug. 31st (5-7pm) @ Wheeler Farm

Coach: Oscar Zorrilla (oscarzorrilla@wheelerschool.org)

Girls Soccer

RIL Competition Status: No

Summer Workout: Yes - Aug. 6th (5-7pm), Aug. 10th (5-7pm), Aug. 13th (5-7pm) @ Wheeler Farm

Coach: Eric Delgado (ericdelgado@wheelerschool.org)

Field Hockey

RIL Competition: No

Summer Workout: Yes - Wednesdays 9:30-11am (Aug. 12th, 19th, and 26th) @ Wheeler Farm

Coach: Tacy Zysk (Tacyzysk@gmail.com)

Girls Tennis

RIL competition: Yes

Summer Workout: Yes - Wednesdays 9:30-11am (Aug. 12th, 19th, and 26th) @ Wheeler Farm

Coach Joe Testa (joetennis32@gmail.com)

COVID-19 Protocols and Workouts

Any athlete who participates in summer workouts, and eventually practices during the school year, will need to complete an online survey prior to arrival. Student-athletes will not be allowed to join any athletic activity without completing the survey first. If you plan to participate in a summer workout it is important to notify the coach and our athletic trainer, Nate Withington [natewithington@wheelerschool.org], so you can be added to the email list containing the survey.

RIL Assumption of Risk Form

The **NEW Assumption of Risk Form** can be found [HERE](#). With the new additions to the form, the old forms are no longer valid. Every athlete must complete the new AOR form beginning this year regardless if they've completed one previously. Just as in the past, each individual athlete is required to have one form for their entire high school career (per school). Once completed, please send these forms to Nate Withington.

Concussion Testing

As in previous years, information for concussion testing will be sent out at the start of preseason. One change is that baseline concussion testing will be done individually at home instead of in groups at Wheeler. New students and incoming freshmen will be emailed a code and instructions to take their baseline test on their own computers. Students should be on the lookout for that information in their email. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Nate Withington at natewithington@wheelerschool.org.

Driving Contract

Upper School Dean of Students Matthew Boyd is currently examining and revising our driving contract policy for students who hold a driver's license. When the document is completed you will be able to find the updated contract on this page.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Similar to our neighboring independent schools we are currently unable to offer competitive games outside of our community for middle schoolers. However, we are providing opportunities for skill development and conditioning in the following sports this fall:

- boys and girls soccer,
- boys and girls cross country, and
- field hockey.

Athletics will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, but the School will also be offering a proctored Homework Club for interested student-athletes on Monday and Wednesday at the end of the school day. The Homework Club will take place in Providence for 7th and 8th graders and at the Farm for 6th graders.

Boys and girls soccer, field hockey, and 6th grade cross country will take place at the Wheeler Farm, while 7th and 8th grade cross country will take place in Providence.

These extracurricular activities will begin on Monday, September 14th.

Skill Development and Conditioning

Without the opportunity for competition against other schools, our coaches are focused on and dedicated to providing skill-based training sessions in each of their sports. Athletic skill development and conditioning will be conducted in accordance with the most updated CDC rules and regulations and guidance provided by the Department of Health in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

If you have not registered for fall sports please do so [HERE](#). More information will be available regarding coaches in the weeks to come.

TRANSPORTATION

The School will provide bussing to the Wheeler Farm for fall athletic activity. Those busses will have no more than 25 individuals, which is the number provided to us by the Department of Health. It is imperative that students wear their masks while on board any school bus to and from our Farm facility in Seekonk.

LOWER SCHOOL ATHLETICS

NEW* for 5th Graders: *After-School Intro to Athletics! Enrollment for WOW! (full term commitment) is still required however on Tuesdays + Thursdays, step away to East Campus to work with a Wheeler Athletics Coach. This coach will be the same each day for the entire term and will introduce your child to a variety of sports and skill building techniques. Information can be found in the [Auxiliary Programs After-School Catalog](#).

Again, this document will be fluid and updated regularly, so be sure to check back for new information. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,

[Sean Kelly '02](#)

Director of Athletics

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