

PRAIRIE TRAIL

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PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION CAREFULLY AND BOOKMARK/KEEP THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. (a link to the .pdf can be found on PRTFootball.com. Access the website for clickable links)

QUESTIONS? - Email Coach Jetton (icjetton@olatheschools.org)

1. Read through this packet carefully
2. Attend Equipment Check-out, August 13th
3. Parents Complete "[Parent/Guardian Contact](#)" Google Form
4. Make sure the following forms are submitted on Touch Base before August 19th
 - **Physical** (must be date after May 1, 2024) - athletes may **NOT** practice without a physical
 - **Substance abuse form**
 - **Concussion form**
 - **Transportation form**
 - Link to the [ATHLETIC FORMS](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

PRT Football Staff

8th Grade

[Josh Jetton](#) - HEAD COACH

Kurtis Dunn

Jeff Springer

Andre Woolfolk

7th Grade

CJ Watson

Winston Heilman

Nick Rowden

PRT AD - Brandon Mellen

****All Questions and concerns should be directed to Coach Jetton**

PRT Stack TEAM APP - Parent/Guardian Communication and Calendar

Join by scanning the QR Code or following the below directions

Join the PRT Team App for calendar and messages from Coaches.
Calendar can be synced with Outlook, iCal, etc.

Also, join our parent [Facebook page](#)



PARENT FB GROUP



STAK TEAM APP

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PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Participation in football is a privilege. As a result, behavior, attendance, and participation at practices and in the classroom will be used to determine participation in the program. All athletic forms must be submitted before eligibility to participate in practice and games. Athletes must complete 10 practices before being eligible to participate in games.

Behavior and Conduct

The policies and guidelines of PRT extend beyond school and into practice and games. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. If an athlete fails to conduct themselves appropriately, it will result in an immediate conference with the coaches and/or administration as appropriate. This may result in a suspension or dismissal from the team. This refers to behavior at practice, at games and at school.

Each member of the team represents themselves and Prairie Trail. It is important that each athlete behave in a positive way during a game, on the bus, and at practice. Dignity, good sportsmanship, and a positive team attitude are expected at **all times**. The team needs each athlete's best effort every day. That includes work ethic at practice, games, and at school.

Middle School Eligibility for KSHSAA Sanctioned Activities

DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDELINES:

Students must meet KSHSAA eligibility guidelines and be passing all courses to participate in a competition. Coaches, teachers, and parents will work with students to help them remain academically eligible.

PRT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Once a student becomes a member of a Prairie Trail team, their teachers will monitor grades. Mid-term grades for each quarter will be the first official checkpoint for students with continued grade monitoring from that point forward. Communication between the teacher, student, parent, and coach should be maintained at all times. Once a student has been notified of grade concerns in a class, it becomes the responsibility of the student to improve their grade. When a student allows a grade to slip below 60% in any class, the teacher will notify the coach. Eligibility to compete will be determined at 2:40 pm the school day prior to each competition. When ineligible, the coach will contact the student's parents. The student will be ineligible for competition until the grade reaches 60% or above (passing). When the student is once again eligible, the teacher will contact the coach.

"ROCK AND A HARD PLACE" CLAUSE

If the failing grade is the result of a low test score or project grade and daily points are not sufficient to raise the grade, but the student is meeting the daily expectations in class; the coach/sponsor and teacher will communicate to determine when eligibility to compete will resume.

Practice Information and Expectations

Schedule

- Practice is scheduled every school day (see the calendar on Team App for exceptions).
- Practice is from 3:30-5:30. After the first game Wednesday practices will be 3:30-5:00. Morning practices will be 6:30-8:00 am.
- Athletes/Managers need to be picked up as close to 5:30/5:00 as possible.
 - Athletes should be picked up at the **WEST** (event) entrance.
 - A coach will stay with athletes until they are picked up. **We ask that athletes and families are respectful of coaches and have transportation planned out ahead of time.**
- In the event of inclement weather, practice may be adjusted.
 - Parents will be notified via Team App (information in previous section).
 - Alerts will be sent as soon as circumstances permit

Attendance

- **All athletes are expected to be at practice every day.**
- Athletes who need to miss practice for appointments, etc. must contact Coach Jetton ahead of time and parents should follow up with a note or email.
- Missing school for an illness automatically counts as an excused absence. Parents are asked to email Coach Jetton anyway as coaches may not be aware of school absences.
- If athletes have regular conflicts (outside club sports, church activities, etc.), coaches will work with athletes and families as much as is reasonable to accommodate the situation. That said, missing too much time may result in a reduction in playing time or a reevaluation of football participation.

Practice Routine

Dressing Out

- Athletes will have access to the locker room for a short time before practice to change and get pads on.
- Athletes should wear all pads and football cleats to practice every day.

Notes

- Athletes may **NOT** practice without a physical on file
- Athletes will **NOT** have access to the building during practice

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Game Information and Expectations

Schedule

- See the calendar for specific game dates and locations (most days 7th and 8th play the same day but will play at opposite locations)
- All games begin at 3:45. We will play an "A" game consisting of 4 quarters. The A game will be followed by up to a 2 quarter B game depending on the number of athletes per school (*football is a non-cut sport but it is not an equal play sport*). Coaches will do their best to get athletes as much time as possible. Some kids will play both in the A and B game.
 - Parents will be notified by Wednesday about the B game
- Athletes will ride the bus back to PRT after the conclusion of away games.
 - Parents should follow the bus back to PRT to pick up their athletes

Game Participation

- Football is a non-cut sport, but it is not an equal play sport. Coaches will do their best to get athletes as much playing time as possible.
- Coaches will work with athletes to determine which positions they will play. It is important to remember that your position in middle school will not impact your position in high school. We can only play one quarterback at a time but we can play five lineman (ask your athlete "would you rather be the 5th wide receiver or the starting tight end?"). Athletes will be asked to sacrifice their preferred position for the betterment of the team.

Inclement Weather

- In the event of inclement weather, games may be canceled or rescheduled
 - Parents will be notified via text from the school and/or via Team App (see the General Information page)
 - Alerts will be sent as soon as circumstances permit.
- Cancellations prior to the game starting are determined by school athletic directors in consultation with district athletic administrators. Game cancellations or suspensions after the game has started are decided by administrators and coaches.

City Game

- At the conclusion of our regular 6 game season schedule our 7th game will be determined by our placement in the city standings with the higher seed hosting the game (1st v 2nd for the championship, 3rd vs 4th for 3rd place, etc.).
 - 7th Grade - Monday, October 14th, 2024
 - 8th Grade - Tuesday, October 15th, 2024

Forms Checklist

The following forms must be filled out and turned in as directed before the athlete will be allowed to practice (physical and concussion form)_ or compete at games (all other forms).

Forms can be submitted online via Touch Base. [Full instructions are also included via the link.](#)

- ☐ State physical form signed by a doctor (MD, DO, DC, PAC OR RNP).
 - **KSHSAA requires a specific physical form ([link](#)). Please make sure you have your athlete's doctor use this form.**
 - This form must be on file with the front office (Ms. Wilson).
 - Physicals must be dated after May 1, 2024
 - Physicals submitted after May 1, 2024 are valid, regardless of the sport or activity they were intended for
 - A blank copy is available on the PRT website. ([link above](#))
- ☐ Concussion form - part of physical
 - This form must be on file with the front office (Ms. Wilson).
 - The concussion form is generally included with the physical form
- ☐ Substance abuse form
 - This form must be on file with the front office (Ms. Wilson)

Follow the link below for full instructions and to submit forms:

- [Online Physical Registration Instructions](#)
- [Required Athletic Forms](#)

Contact **KIM WILSON** in the PRT front office with any questions about forms.

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