



Essential Varsity Soccer Parent Information

Athletic Director: Mrs. Johns 102.hjohns@nhaschools.com

Head Coach: Mr. Huber 102.ahuber@nhaschools.com

Assistant Coach: Mr. Motley 102.mmotley@nhaschools.com

***MESSAGE FROM MAIN OFFICE:** Please limit interruptions throughout the day with dropping off practice gear and/or snacks**

1. Fees with signed pay to play agreement & all paperwork (INCLUDING PHYSICAL)
 - a. Due **no later than Wednesday, September 10h**, cash only-will not get uniform and cannot play until paid and all paperwork, including physical is received. Exact change appreciated. Change isn't always possible.
 - b. Boys should give directly to Mrs. Johns **only** at the beginning of practice. The coach and main office cannot collect money or paperwork.
 - c. Fee will be charged if uniform is not returned or is damaged (\$80)
2. Practices Expectations
 - a. Required to attend every practice. Failure to attend practice can affect playing time and/or position on the team
 - b. Boys should plan to bring an extra snack and water bottle, along with appropriate practice clothes for outside weather, shin guards and cleats.
 - c. Practice is every Mon-Thurs 4-5:30pm (rain or shine), unless otherwise communicated. Athletes are required to attend every practice. Failure to attend practice can affect playing time and/or position on the team
 - d.. Pick up is around the back of school (on the field). If it is raining, players will be in the art room doing "chalk talk" and leave out the back gym doors (door 5). Please be on time.

Siblings are NOT allowed to attend practices.

Games start at **4:15pm sharp! Early dismissal is encouraged for all games to arrive on time and will be excused. Athletes are responsible for getting all the classwork they miss.**

3. Attendance

- a. Cannot attend practices or games if absent from school. Please be sure to communicate directly with the coaches if your child is unable to attend practice and games.

4. Behaviors and Grades

- a. You can not play/practice during any school suspension. Admin will meet and discuss the incident with the athletic director to determine if there is cause for removal from the team.
- b. BLUE/RED color changes may be a game suspension the following game. The Athletic Director will review with the teacher and admin to make a decision and communicate the decision to the coaches and parents.

Behavior and Grade Consequences:

- a. Red color change on a Monday (game day) could be a suspension for the *next* game. Still expected to attend and sit the bench to support the team but not during a suspension.
- b. Multiple color changes/behavior issues may cause a scholar-athlete to be removed from the team.
- c. Must be passing all classes. NO F's, or more than 1 D. **First grade check will be Monday, September 29th.** If an athlete does not meet academic requirements, she and the parents would be notified and suspension would begin Tuesday, September 30th until grades are up. No practice/play until grades are passing. **SCHOLAR FIRST!**

7. Communication

- a. All inquiries should go directly to the **HEAD COACH FIRST**
- b. If not attending practice or game, be sure to let the **coach** know no later than 7:30am day of, especially on game days. Coaches and AD teach all day and may not have time to check email. Please allow 24 hours for a response.
- c. A group email with School Connect will be set up for the team so make sure you are connected!
- d. Be sure to check the weekly Lion's Den athletic & wellness newsletter for any updates or team information. This newsletter is sent out in the parent weekend emailer that Principal Brown sends out every Sunday and is also in the middle school newsletter under the Athletics/Wellness tab at the top right corner.

8. Transportation/Carpool for game days

- a. Encouraged to carpool-all games are at 4:15pm. Should park in the recall parking lot and pick up your child at door 8 if not picking up early from the main office. If you are taking someone else's child you must have one of their driveline cards(actual physical card is needed) or you will not be allowed to take them with you. Main office can issue extra if needed.

b. All games are played at GRIFFIN PARK(except Keystone! Mapquest address: <https://bit.ly/3xaOife>

500 N. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48187 (Located off Sheldon Road between Ford and Cherry Hill)

9. Parent Volunteers/Team Needs-check with coach

10. Parent Expectations during home/away games

- a. Always represent Grand River with dignity and class
- b. Not coaching or talking to coach and/or officials during game
- c. If concerns, wait 24 hours to address
- d. As a parent, your job is to just support and cheer on your child/team
- e. Poor language and/or behavior will **not** be tolerated and could result in

your child being removed from the team.

11. ALL SPORTS END OF SEASON BANQUET-will be held in the SPRING

- a. Banquet-Pay to Play fees help offset coaches salaries, ref pay, medals, certificates, 8th grade gift and banquet fees. It is not to keep the uniform.
- b. Uniform is school issued and must be returned after the last game. Athlete will not be able to attend the banquet or receive any post season awards/gifts until it is received. You will also be charged for lost or damaged uniforms (\$80).

PLEASE NOTE: *National Heritage Academies believes that a dynamic program of student activities is vital to the educational development of the student while recognizing that athletic programs are secondary to academic programs. The goal of these programs is to realize the value of participation without over-emphasizing the importance of winning.*

The purpose is to develop and improve character traits among the program's participants. Our programs should expand the experiences available to middle school students while promoting the following ideals:

- Participation in athletic programs is a privilege, not a right.
- Provide students with several options to participate in athletic programs.
- To support and practice the NHA Moral Focus Virtues.
- To improve fundamental skills and gain knowledge and appreciation for the game.
- To develop good sportsmanship.

Metro Detroit Charter League is a moral focus league, and we believe greatly in sportsmanship and respect. Spectators are welcome to all our sporting events with the goal of encouraging our athletes. Our players, coaches, and referees (Hired by NHA Athletics), and spectators should demonstrate and reinforce all the Moral Focus Virtues at every sporting event.

Please read. Your signature on the Parent Contract includes all the above and below expectations.

- Disagreements about coaching decisions and/or referee calls will not be discussed or argued during a game. Referees are not required to discuss calls after a game and should not be stopped or approached as they leave the game.
- Any foul language, negative comments directed at a player, coach or referee will result in removal from the game, as well as possible ban from future sporting events.
- Discussions with the coaching staff or athletic director about a game should come after the 24 hour cool down period has been observed.
- Spectators must abide by staff, referee or coach instructions, and are free to ask for clarification if necessary.

The following process will be used in the event of unsportsmanlike or disrespectful spectators in all sports.

- 1. A referee, coach or spectator can report unsportsmanlike spectator conduct to an athletic director or coach if an AD is not present.**
- 2. The Athletic Director or coach will speak to the spectator about the conduct.**

3. If the same spectator is reported again, they will be asked to leave the contest. And will not be permitted to spectate at the next athletic event.
4. Spectators who argue, or do not comply with being asked to leave will be banned from all athletic events for the remainder of the athletic season.