



VILLAGE SCHOOL ATHLETICS  
*building confidence, building teams*

Dear Viking parents and student athletes,

On behalf of the Village Athletic Department, we want to welcome you and your child to Village Athletics. As we move toward the start of a new year, this information will be helpful in answering any questions you might have regarding our middle school athletic programs. Here are a few things to think about when considering participation in Viking Middle School Athletics.

As a member of The Village Viking Athletic family, your child will need to have a completed

- 2014/2015 Physical Evaluation and Physical Assessment Form
- Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Form
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Form
- Parent and Student Athletic Consent Form (last page of Athletic Handbook)

**before** the first day of practice. All forms will be kept on file in the athletic office, and will ensure each student's opportunity to participate. Required forms can be found on our Village School website [www.thevillageschool.com/studentlife/athletics](http://www.thevillageschool.com/studentlife/athletics)

The Village School does require a \$200 *sports fee* for participation, which will be due to the athletic department upon completion of roster. In addition, The Village School does not issue refunds for sports fees, so please ensure you are committed to participation before joining a team.

Mouth guards are mandatory for ALL contact sports (football and lacrosse). The Athletic Department has partnered with West Houston Orthodontics, and will be holding a breakfast/mouth guard clinic in August. Times will be posted on our website over the summer break.

Middle school programs are designed to make students fall in love with sports and competition. Through physical education and athletics, early adolescents gain and use talents and skills. Players will have the opportunity to play at some point during the season unless their abilities and the game situation make it unsafe for them. The goals of this athletic program are to develop athletes, build sport specific skills, and most importantly, educate the students to love and cherish every competitive opportunity. To support such initiatives, The Village School Athletic Department endorses 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> no cut policy and 8<sup>th</sup> grade cut for all middle school athletic programs, and if applicable, will create multiple team levels (A & B) to support strong participation. Consultation with Varsity and JV coaches is important for a seamless transition through our entire program!



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Sports for 2014-2015:

**Fall Sports**

Football  
Girls' Volleyball  
Boys' & Girls' Cross Country

**Winter Sports**

Boys' & Girls' Basketball  
Boys' & Girls' Soccer

**Spring Sports**

Boys' & Girls Track & Field  
Boys' & Girls' Tennis  
Girls' Lacrosse  
Boy's & Girls' Golf

Please note that winter/spring season participation dates will be determined and communicated once school is back in session. If your child is interested in playing a fall sport, please register in skyward. If your child has already signed up please ensure your name is confirmed through skyward. If you do not have a skyward account please e-mail coach below with your sport of interest.

The entire Village community is looking forward to a great year of personal growth, challenges, and accomplishments. We hope that you find this information helpful. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail the athletics department. We look forward to a great year, and GO VIKINGS!

In the Spirit of Sports,

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