

2021 BCSD Fall Athletics Parent Meeting

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Director of PE, Athletics, Health & Recreation



BCSD Fall sports:

Football (M, V)

Boys & Girls Soccer (M, JV, V)

Volleyball (M, JV, V)

Cheerleading (M, V)

Girls Tennis (Dev, JV, V)

Boys & Girls Cross Country (M, V)

Girls Swimming (Dev, V)

Beacon is a School of Excellence for the 2nd year!!



I'm proud to say that we are being recognized as a NYS School of Excellence (75% of our Varsity Teams with a team average of 90% or better)!

<http://nysphsaa.org/Portals/0/PDF/Scholar%20Athlete/School%20of%20Distinction/Excellence/2020-2021%20School%20of%20Excellence.pdf>

BCSD Athletic Program: **OUR Goals**

COMMUNICATE- With our athletes, families and the community

MOTIVATE- Key to making our programs more successful

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- Both on the field & in the classroom

POSITIVE ATTITUDE- “Life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it”

DEDICATION- From ourselves and our athletes, both in the classroom and on the field!



BCSD Athletic Department Introductions...

- Athletic Secretary- Mrs. Claire Vigna
- Athletic Trainer- Mr. Tom Bergmann
- BHS Nurse- Ms. Hannah Aakjar
- RMS Nurse- Ms. Amber Klemann

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Fall 2021 Coaches Contact Information

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Girls Swimming	Varsity Varsity Asst.	Larry Collins Michelle Green	@LarryCo79540703	collins.l@beaconk12.org green.m@beaconk12.org
Cheerleading	Varsity Modified	TBA Andi Karnavezos		karnavezos.a@beaconk12.org

BCSD Fall 2021 Sports Start Dates

- JV, Developmental & Varsity practices begin on **August 23**
- Modified practices begin on or after **September 13**
 - ***Modified Football Begins on August 23***
- Students will not be authorized to begin practice unless they are registered to Family ID
- For updates, refer to the athletics website and follow your coach on TWITTER
- For questions- Contact the coach of your team

BCSD Family ID Registration required

- **Varsity, JV & Developmental Sports** (9th-12th Grade Students):
 - Opens **JULY 26**
- **Modified Sports** (7th & 8th Grade Students):
 - Opens **August 16**
- In order to receive a **physical** from the BCSD, you must register on Family ID AT LEAST 2 week prior to the start date of each season!

Students will not be allowed to participate in sports until their registration has been approved. You will receive an email stating that he or she has or has not been approved, which will contain any other information needed to achieve approved status. Failure to register by the above dates may result in students being **unable to participate.**

TWITTER: BCSD Athletics @BCSDBulldogs

- Connect to **@BCSDBulldogs** for the district athletic page
- All varsity coaches will be connected to a TWITTER account
- Game updates, scores, highlights, etc.
 - Beacon City Schools: @BeaconCSD
 - Hudson Valley Sports Report: @HVSportsReport
 - Poughkeepsie Journal: @PJSports
- For the latest updates & information refer to TWITTER



BCSD Website: Athletics Page

- Click “Departments” and “Athletics”
- Information provided:
 - Announcements
 - Master Schedule
 - Directions
 - Family ID information
 - Student Athlete & Parent Handbook
 - BCSD Athletic Hall Of Fame Information
 - Concussion Management Policy



Athletic Schedules & Updates

- Updates will be given by each specific sports program
 - Twitter, Email, Sport Specific Websites, Apps, etc.
 - The method being utilized will be provided by the head coach
- BCSD Athletics Calendar will be posted on the BCSD website
 - Dates/Times/Locations are all subject to change
 - While this is a helpful resource, it is not always up to the minute
- We will do our best to keep you up-to-date
- If you have a question, please contact the head coach of the team.



BCSD Student Athlete & Parent Handbook And Code of Conduct for Parents & Spectators

- Visit the BCSD website under “Athletics” to find a copy of the Student Athlete & Parent Handbook.
- Acknowledgement that you and your child fully understand and agree to abide by the policies and procedures in the handbook was given through “Family ID.”



BCSD Transportation Approval



- Acknowledgement that you agree to our BCSD Transportation policy was given through “Family ID”
 - A few pieces of information important for you to know...
 - Only parent/guardians or emergency contacts provided on Family ID are authorized to transport an athletes
 - Prior approval needed from the the coach
 - Sign-out sheet with the coach
- *Extenuating issues should be brought with advanced notice to the Director of Athletics*

Student Requirements for Participation (Located in the BCSD Athletic Handbook)

- Must be enrolled in a total of 4 classes (3+PE) each semester
- Failing PE = Automatically ineligible for interscholastic athletics
- Any student failing 2 or more subjects or just PE is considered academically ineligible
 - Student is ineligible for 5 weeks- see handbook
- Absent from school for the entire day = Ineligible to participate that day
- Students must sign in by 11am
- Students must attend at least 4 periods of the school day
- Students must turn 19 years old **after** July 1, 2021 to be considered an eligible athlete

Student Practice & Contest Responsibilities

(Located in the BCSD Athletic Handbook)

- Prior approval from coach required before missing team events
 - Students must attend all practices & games unless approval given by the head coach
 - Loss of playing time will occur if approval is not given
 - Unacceptable reasons for missing team events include, but are not limited to: work, vacations, professional sporting events, concerts, other athletic programs/rec teams/travel teams
- Normal Doctors/Dentist visits, other after-school non-emergency appointments, should be avoided during the season
- Extenuating circumstances should be brought to the attention of the head coach for **PRIOR APPROVAL**

Equipment & Personal Property Responsibilities

(Located in the BCSD Athletic Handbook)

- All BCSD provided uniforms and/or equipment that is lost or damaged will be charged to the athlete at replacement value
 - Student will be ineligible to participate in future BCSD Athletic programs until requirements are met



Reporting Injuries or Filing Claims

(Located in the BCSD Athletic Handbook)

- An athlete must report an injury to the coach or athletic trainer immediately
- It is the responsibility of the injured student's parent/guardian to complete the claim form within 90 days of the accident and send it to the specified school insurance company
- Once an accident report has been submitted to the school nurse, an athlete cannot return to play until they have been evaluated by their private health care provider and they have provided the school nurse with a clearance note from the provider
 - At this point we cannot allow them to play until this note is received

Student Behavior Code

(Located in the BCSD Athletic Handbook)

- Behaviors that can result in suspension from contests, team activities, or from future BCSD Athletic programs include, but are not limited to:
 - COC Infractions at the school level
 - Fighting
 - Abusive language
 - Unsportsmanlike behavior
 - Insubordination to the coach or other authority figures
 - Bullying/Hazing (Violation of the Dignity Act)
 - **CYBER INFRACTIONS** (ex. Inappropriate messages/texts/posts on Twitter/Kik/Snapchat/etc.)
- Behavior code infractions are enforced from events that occur both on and off school grounds



BCSD COC & Interscholastic COC

(Located in the BCSD Athletic Handbook)

- Infractions of the BCSD COC that occur either on or off school grounds may result in suspension of games/team activities/future BCSD Athletic programs
- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**
 - Participants are not to use, possess, or be under the influence of:
 - Alcohol
 - Illegal substances (Drugs)
 - Tobacco- including ***Ecigarettes*** or other electronic forms of nicotine/tobacco
 - Performance enhancing drugs
- This provision is in effect at the start of the fall sports season through the last day of the spring season, regardless of whether the athlete is participating in that sport season. Suspensions also carry over from season-to-season and school year to school year.
- **FIRST OFFENSE-** Two week suspension from all team activities
- **SECOND OFFENSE-** Removal from the athletic program for 1 entire sports season or two total months (whichever is longer)
- **THIRD OFFENSE-** Removal from the BCSD athletic program for one year

NCAA Eligibility Center

- Student athletes must register through the NCAA Eligibility website in order to be eligible to play NCAA Division I or II sports in college
 - End of Sophomore year, beginning of Junior year
 - Athletes do not need to register for Division III sports
- Registration is required in order to participate and to receive scholarships
 - **Website reference:** <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- For more specific information contact your guidance counselor:
 - Anna Orlando (Last Name A-Fie) orlando.a@beaconk12.org
 - Shannon Morales (Last Name Fig-Mack) morales.s@beaconk12.org
 - Michelle Polhamus (Last Name Mad-Rod) polhamus.m@beaconk12.org
 - Dawn Smith (Last Name Ro-Z) smith.d@beaconk12.org

For Parents & Spectators: Spectator Expectations at BCSD Events

- Positive comments are encouraged!
 - Negative comments toward players/coaches/officials/opponents will not be tolerated
- Avoid actions that offend visiting teams/individuals/spectators/officials
 - Ex. Name calling, number calling, taunting, etc.
- Those spectators or parents deemed detrimental to the values of good sportsmanship will be removed from the contest or will be suspended from further contests
- Standards include away contests or contests held at alternate locations
- Help represent Beacon Athletics!

For Parents:

Question/Concerns throughout the season...

- Encourage your child to inquire
 - Part of our goal is to encourage communication- if there is an issue please speak privately with your coach
- If more clarification is needed, contact the Varsity Coach of the program
- Additional questions or concerns can be brought to the attention of the Director of Athletics
 - Questions regarding playing time, performance, gametime decisions, etc.
 - These will be directed to the coach

PLEASE reach out to a coach if you have questions.

Important Dates this Fall...



- **August 23-** Start date of Varsity/JV/Developmental Sports
- **September 12-** GIRLS IN SPORTS DAY
- **September 13-** Start date of Modified Sports
- **September 26-** SPIRIT OF BEACON PARADE
- **October 12-16-** Homecoming
 - Soccer, Volleyball, Tennis & Football, BONFIRE* & FIREWORKS*!
- **November 15-** Start date of **WINTER** Varsity/JV/Dev Sports
- **November 29-** Start date of **WINTER** Modified Sports

Varsity Award Ceremony (6/8/2022)

- **Bulldog Award-** 6 Varsity Seasons between Jr/Sr year
- **Athletic Director's Achievement Award-** 6 Varsity Seasons between Jr/SR year plus 1-3 additional Varsity Seasons
- **Superintendents Achievement Award-** 6 Varsity Seasons between Jr/SR year plus 4 or more additional Varsity Seasons
- **Joe Vorbach Scholar Athlete Award-** Male/Female Senior Athletes with the highest GPA
- **Most Outstanding Athlete Award-** Male/Female Senior Athlete who excels in athletics, the classroom and the community
- **Vito DiCesare Award-** Most outstanding Male/Female Senior Athletes
- **Scholarships-** Over \$5500 in scholarships offered to our senior athletes!

In addition, each program will give out 3 team awards (MVP, Most Improved, Coaches Award)

Virtual Meeting Locations...

- **Football-** <https://meet.google.com/lookup/dwpi2fuids?authuser=0&hs=179> **PassCode:** 3rkcjsf
- **Boys Soccer-** meet.google.com/tra-mzvo-cbr
- **Girls Soccer-** <https://meet.google.com/bqy-ijih-inj>
- **Cross Country-** <https://meet.google.com/lookup/grgqtnyac2?authuser=0&hs=179>
- **Volleyball-** <https://meet.google.com/kpm-mtio-yoz>
- **Girls Tennis-** <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/3830531888?pwd%3DUWZyS3ZDZDg5UHBSbXhwOWhGVVR5UT09&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usq=AOvVaw1qtIKnwXHzi4zM3NHkQWrv>
 - **Passcode:** 9WuquT
- **Girls Swimming-** <https://www.beaconk12.org/cms/lib/NY01813524/Centricity/Domain/28/Swimming%20Fall%202021.pdf>
- **Cheerleading-** *No link at this time. Stay tuned for updates on the beaconk12.org website!*