

2024 BCSD Spring Athletics Parent Meeting

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Director of PE, Athletics, Health & Recreation



BCSD Spring sports:

Baseball (M, JV, V)

Softball (M, JV, V)

Girls & Boys Track (M, V)

Girls & Boys Crew (M, V)

Girls Lacrosse (M, JV)

Boys & Girls Golf (Dev, V)

Boys Tennis (Dev, JV, V)

BCSD Athletic Program Goals



COMMUNICATE- With our athletes, families and the community.

MOTIVATE & MAKE A DIFFERENCE- Both in sports & 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!

BCSD Athletic Department Introductions....

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| ● BHS Principal- | Mr. Corey Dwyer | dwyer.c@beaconk12.org |
| ● Athletic Secretary- | Mrs. Claire Vigna | vigna.c@beaconk12.org |
| ● Athletic Trainer- | Mr. Scott Sabatelle | sabatelle.s@beaconk12.org |
| ● BHS Nurse- | Ms. Hannah Aakjar | aakjar.h@beaconk12.org |
| ● RMS Nurse- | Ms. Amber Klemann | klemann.a@beaconk12.org |



Spring 2024 Coaches Contact Information

Baseball	Varsity	Bob Atwell	@BeaconBaseball	atwell.r@beaconk12.org
	JV			
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Softball	Varsity	Catie Oriani	@CoachOriani	oriani.c@beaconk12.org
	JV	Carolann Del Bene		delbene.c@beaconk12.org
	Modified	Brianna Tobin	@BriannaToin_	tobin.b@beaconk12.org
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Boys Tennis	Varsity & DEV	Dave Ryley	@BeaconVBTennis	dtryley@gmail.com
	JV	Tom Hoyle		hoyle.t@beaconk12.org
Girls Lacrosse	JV	Taylor Modica	@CoachModica	modica.t@beaconk12.org
	Modified	Gerald Ryan		ryan.q@beaconk12.org
Boys Golf	Varsity & Dev	Matt VanVoorhis	@CoachVanVoorhis	vanvoorhis.m@beaconk12.org
Girls Golf	Varsity & Dev	Jeanmarie Jacques	@GlenhamPhysEd	jacques.j@beaconk12.org
Girls Crew	Varsity & Mod	Matt Rignanese		bhike22@gmail.com
Boys Crew	Varsity & Mod	Robin Ackerman		ackermanRC@yahoo.com



Spring 2024 Sports Start Dates

- JV & Varsity practices/tryouts begin on **March 11**
- Modified & Developmental practices/tryouts begin on **April 2**
- Students will not be authorized to begin practice/tryouts 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

- FAMILY ID for **Varsity & JV** sports is now open!
- FAMILY ID for **Modified & Developmental** sports will open on **MARCH 4**
- Sports Physicals will be provided by the BCSD
 - Available dates for physicals:
 - February 27 & March 5 (BHS)
 - March 12, 19 & April 2 (RMS)
 - To make an appointment for your child to receive a sports physical, please email our Head Nurse at aakjar.h@beaconk12.org

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.



X (TWITTER): BCSD Athletics @BCSDBulldogs



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

<http://twitter.com/bcsdbulldogs>



BCSD Athletics Page & RSchool App

- Beaconk12.org
 - Click “Departments” and “Athletics”
 - Info provided: Announcements, Schedules, Directions, Family ID, Contact Info, Hall of Fame, Student Athletes & Parent Handbook
- RSchool “Activity Scheduler”
 - Visit the App store and download the rST Activity Scheduler App
 - When you enter the App, type in “Beacon City”
 - **You will then have access to every active schedule for the year!**

Athletic Schedules & Updates



- RSchool APP- Best resource available!
- Updates will be given by each specific sports program
 - X (Twitter), Email, RSchool, 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.”



Student Requirements for Participation

(Located in the BCSD Athletic Handbook)

- Must be enrolled in a total of 4 classes (3+PE) each semester
- 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, 2023 to be considered an eligible athlete

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 **Vaping Products** 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-** One 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

Athletic Ineligibility Information

(Located in the BCSD Athletic Handbook)

- **Any student failing 2 or more subjects or just PE is considered academically ineligible**
 - Failing PE on Report Card or Progress Report = Automatically ineligible for interscholastic athletics
 - Student is put on probation for 2 weeks and can then apply for reinstitution.
 - Reinstitution forms must be signed off by teachers and submitted to the athletic director.
- Students ineligible for two consecutive marking periods are not entitled to the two week probationary period, and therefore, are ineligible.
- The determination of a students eligibility status will be done via the **progress reports** and issuance of the **report cards**.
 - 3rd Quarter Progress Report comes out on **3/8/2024**
 - 3rd Quarter Report Card comes out on **4/19/2024**

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

NYSPHSAA Student Responsibilities

(Located in the NYSPHSAA handbook)

NYSPHSAA Handbook Link: https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21//NYSPHSAA_Handbook_082123.pdf

- **Athlete Eligibility Period:**
 - Athletes are given 6 consecutive years, starting in 7 grade, to compete in athletics; of 4 consecutive years starting in 9th grade.
 - Ex. If a student is held back a year, they are not granted an additional year of eligibility.
- **College Rule:**
 - Athletes cannot participate in any type of college workout/practice in the same sport season.
 - Ex. A Varsity basketball player cannot participate in a workout with a college basketball team during the course of the high basketball season.
- **Amateur Rule:**
 - High school or Middle school athletes cannot accept money or any other type of compensation for competing in a function outside of school.
 - Ex. A track athlete cannot run in a local 5k and collect prize money for winning the event.

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*

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
- **CONCUSSIONS!!** See next page...

BCSD & NYSPHSAA Concussion Protocol:

Once it is suspected that a student athlete has sustained a concussion or a student has a confirmed concussion diagnosis from their MD, they must first obtain clearance from their private physician to begin the “Return to Play” (RTP) process. This process can not begin until the MD clearance note has been provided to the BCSD Athletic Trainer or Nurses office. All student athletes must complete the RTP process after being diagnosed with a concussion prior to participating in sports again, **REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE CONCUSSION HAD OCCURRED** (ex. If a student athlete sustains a concussion in October but does not play a sport again until the Spring, they will need to complete the RTP process prior to starting sports in the spring).

Return to Play Protocol once symptom free for 24 hours and cleared by School Medical Director

All Student athletes must complete the RTP **prior to starting sports again**; regardless of when the concussion occurred, or when what time of year the next sport season begins.

(Any return of symptoms during the return to play protocol, the student will return to previous day’s activities until symptom free)

6 Phases are included in the Return to play process. For more information please visit the website below:

<https://www.beaconk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=2385&dataid=629&FileName=NYSPHSAA-Student-Parent-Concussion-Info-2022-2023.pdf>

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.sh@beaconk12.org
 - Michelle Polhamus (Last Name Mad-Rod) polhamus.m@beaconk12.org
 - Dawn Arghiere (ROE-Z) smith.daw@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 & Spectators: NYSPHSAA Spectator Expectations

Penalty for being removed from a game or event:

- Any spectator removed from a game or event will have a minimum penalty of completing the *NFHS Parent Credential course* or a one game suspension before they are allowed to attend any interscholastic event. Once the course is completed the spectator will provide a certificate of completion to the athletic department office.
- Depending on the severity of the behavior/comments or future disqualifications by the offending spectator NYSPHSAA and the Section may get directly involved in the situation.

NFHS Parent Credential Course Link: www.nfhslearn.com

The course is the Parent Credential, which is actually two courses:

1. Parent Seat
2. Parenting within School Programs

For Parents:

Question/Concerns throughout the season...

1. Encourage your child to inquire
 - Part of our goal is to encourage communication and self-advocacy
2. If more clarification is needed, contact the head coach of the team
3. Additional questions or concerns can be brought to the attention of the Director of Athletics

PLEASE reach out to a coach if you have questions.

Future Dates.....



- **March 11-** Start of **SPRING** Varsity & JV Sports
- **April 2-** Start date of **SPRING** Modified & Developmental Sports
- **May 29-** Modified Sports Awards/Ice Cream Party
- **May 30-** JV Sports Awards/Ice Cream Party
- **June 3-** College Athletics Commitment Ceremony
- **June 5-** Varsity Athletics Award Ceremony

Varsity Award Ceremony (June 5, 2024)

- **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 Meetings

Crew- 2/21 @ 530pm: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76713840903?pwd=v8sab5D9KvPXieB6W0kCqyY4l1W2HM.1>

Baseball- 2/21 @ 530pm: <https://meet.google.com/wgu-hqzs-xwk>

Softball- 2/21 @ 530pm: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87544669128?pwd=CGTYLKpt!SPaJqE8uCORV348khTV3H.1>

JV/Mod Girls Lacrosse- 2/21 @ 6pm: <https://meet.google.com/uvi-vtqh-kzt>

Boys Golf- 2/21 @ 530pm: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87105754439?pwd=fBF4xSbYQwP3Kze4BYN2jnxbzeoBJr.1>

Track- 2/21 @ 530pm: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88091383102?pwd=rA5cPBfJfT1GpHa9vYq46xtGn09ek8.1>

Meetings on later dates:

Girls Golf- 2/22 @ 515pm: meet.google.com/hdw-ygik-bhy

Tennis- 2/26 @ 630pm: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84876086895?pwd=bQieUPJBnWtFsh8YTKO6aoRvYbG2hx.1>