## **Dear Parents and Students:**

Participation in high school extracurricular activities and athletics is a valuable component of the overall high school experience, enhancing students' school engagement and sense of belonging. We realize that these types of social-emotional and physical activities are perhaps even more important in today's environment and are excited to offer students the ability to participate in selected Illinois High School Association (IHSA) sports beginning on Monday, September 14.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on school districts across Illinois, the IHSA has modified both the length of season and scheduling of certain sports. A limited number of sports officially began a fall season in August, and the remaining IHSA sports are scheduled for upcoming winter, spring, and summer seasons. Additional information about modified IHSA athletic seasons for the 2020-2021 school year can be found here. Per the action of the IHSA Board of Directors, students not currently participating in a fall sport are able to participate in "Fall Contact Days." District 211 will offer this optional opportunity for students in order to connect with their coaches and teams and train for upcoming sports seasons.

In order to participate on District 211 athletic teams, students must have a valid physical exam and parents must register their student through the *Infinite Campus* parent portal. Once registered, students will begin to receive practice schedule and participation information from the athletic coach through their District 211 student email. Registered students also will receive the District 211 daily wellness screener through their District 211 email. Although students will receive the screener every day, they should **only complete the screener on days that they will attend in-person meetings at the school.** 

Athletic practices will utilize strict health and safety guidelines, including maintaining 6foot social distancing and wearing a face mask at all times whether indoors or outdoors, and adhering to the 50-person gathering limitation (in certain situations where social distancing can be maintained outdoors, students may be able to remove their mask during practice). **Every student attending an in-person activity meeting must complete an online wellness screening survey** *at home* **prior to traveling to school.** More information about the District 211 wellness screener is available here. Additionally, each student's body temperature will be scanned prior to each practice session to verify feverfree status. Students who do not complete and pass the at-home wellness screener or are not fever-free will not be admitted to the school or allowed to participate in practice. After-school bus routes will be available Monday through Friday to bring students to school for scheduled practices. Bus information will be provided through athletic coaches or through our school's athletic director's office.

A full list of available sports is available in the *Infinite Campus* parent portal, and through the athletics link on our school's webpage. If you have any questions about athletics, please contact the athletic director's office at 847-755-3770.

Sincerely,

Julie Nowak Principal

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