POWER of a PRE-SEASON PARENT MEETING

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Thank You FIAAA!
8 P’s of a Pre-Season Meeting

• Plan

• Be Professional

• Prepare

• Provide Important Materials
8 P’s of a Pre-Season Meeting

• Practice Presentation

• Promote

• Pro-Active Communication

• Parent Involvement
Why Have a Pre-Season Parent Meeting?

• Promote your Athletic Program
  – Time to Brag
• Head Off Potential Problems/Issues
• Pro-Active
• Introduce Staff
• Organize Team Parents
• Ultimately for the Parents to Meet the Coaches
When to Meet?

1 Annual Meeting vs. 3 Pre-Season Meetings

Annual Meeting – Run like College Fair

Seasonal Meetings – Individual Classrooms

Q – How does one handle early start date for Bowling/Ice Hockey/Swimming?
How Do You Get Everyone to Attend?

- Mandatory?
- At least one parent must attend
- Sign in?
- Coaches responsibility
- Get on School calendar 1 year in advance
How Do You Get Everyone to Attend?

• Coaches email parents

• Booster Club Reps email parents

• Honeywell Alerts

• Email Blast – Guidance?

• Give-a-ways/Sponsorships
Who’s Up There With You?

• Invite Superintendent/Principal/VP
  • Instruct them to be BRIEF

• Have all coaches up on stage

• Invite Student-Athlete Speaker

• Captains as hosts/hostesses
What is Your Biggest Message?

- Departmental Philosophy
- Expectations
- Communication Policy
- Sportsmanship
Coaches Responsibilities

• Get the Parents there – It’s for Them!

• Pre-Season Handouts
  – Schedules
  – Contact info
  – Team Policy

• Have your Pre-Season Coaches meeting before MTCN
Power Point Presentation Skills

- LTC 613 – Advanced Computer Application Skills
- Size of Font
- DON’T READ SLIDES!
- Practice
- Time ones’ self
- Include Pictures of your athletes
- Avoid Animation!
Videos

• Pros/Cons

• NIAAA Hazing Video

• Sportmanshiip Video
  – Created by your students!
Presentation

• Use Humor…When Appropriate

• Pictures – Current Students/ BOE Prez’ Kid

• Clear/Concise

• 30 Minute Max
Essentials

• **Sportsmanship**
  – Taunting

• **MIAA/NJSIAA**
  – Concussion
  – Physicals
  – Steroids

• **Communication Policy**
Essentials

- Conduct Policy
  - Good Citizen Rule

- Attendance Eligibility Rule

- Transportation

- Academics
MEET THE COACHES NIGHT
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Partnership

Madison Athletic Policies

Booster Clubs

Meet your Coaches
MADISON FALL STAFF

- **Vice Principal** – John Connolly
- **Trainer** – Megan Barclay
- **Boys Basketball** – Brian Cavanagh, Stephen Hughes, Curtiss Sallie* & Michael Bruner
- **Girls Basketball** – Gene Melleno & Jacquileen Calabrese
- **Boys & Girls Swimming** – Nancy Leib & Lisa Moretti
- **Wrestling** – Michael Goodwin, Kevin Carroll, & Kevin Braine
- **Winter Track** – Mark LaDolcetta, David Rosa, Sue Bessin, & David Snell*
- **Ice Hockey** – Dave Hansen & Joe Cecala*
- **Bowling** – Charlie Diamante

*Alumni
GO DODGERS!!!

BEAT Rutherford!!!
We DID!!!
PHILOSOPHY

Provide Competitive Athletic Environment
PHILOSOPHY

Want Varsity Teams to Win
PHILOSOPHY

Want Sub Varsity teams to develop Varsity Athletes
PHILOSOPHY

Have Fun!
EDUCATION BASED ATHLETICS

INTEGRITY
RESPECT
COMPASSION
WORK ETHIC
RESPONSIBILITY
COURAGE
CONFLICT RESOLUTION
SPORTSMANSHIP
PERSEVERANCE
2 & 3 Sport Athletes
ACTIVITY FEE

$150
Athletic Department Info

Now Online

Eligibility Policy
• Rising Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors – 30 credits
• Frosh Automatically Eligible
• 15 Credits in 1st Semester for Spring for All

Substance Abuse Policy

NJSIAA Steroid Policy

Physical Forms

Concussion Policy
MADISON ATHLETICS

NOTHING GOOD EVER HAPPENS AFTER 10 PM
HELPFUL HINTS

• Talk to your child
• Ask where they are going
• Call the home of where they are going, talk to the host parent(s)
• Call/Text your child on their cell phone
• Call back!
• Police Each Other - Parents
• Host a movie night with all the soda, pretzels, & ice cream they can eat (or Healthier Foods)
Elite level athletes lost an average of 11.4% from their median performance level as a result of the residual effect of alcohol...
Student Conduct Policy

ECA/Athletic Consequences Associated with Use/Possession and/or Distribution of Drugs and/or Alcohol on school grounds and/or at a school sponsored activity or athletic event:

First:

• The student shall lose eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletic competitions for a period of 7 calendar days and/or a minimum of 2 regular season and/or playoff contests (1 regular season or playoff contest for sports with 10 or less scheduled competitions) during the current and/or the next season of participation. The student will be required to attend and participate in all practices and official team meetings during the suspension period.
INJURIES

See Meg Barclay IMMEDIATELY

If you visit your own Doctor, notify Meg IMMEDIATELY

Accident Reports/Claims – 90 Days
DODGER ATHLETICS

CONCUSSIONS

• NJSIAA CONCUSSION POLICY

• ImPACT CONCUSSION TESTING

• “Concussion in Sports – What You Need to Know”
  www.nfhslearn.com
DODGER ATHLETICS

STEROID TESTING

www.njsiaa.org

List of Banned Substances
DODGER ATHLETICS & GUIDANCE

- Student Athlete – College Planning Info
  Visit the MHS Guidance Home Page
- Team Liaisons
CUT POLICY

• Based on Team/Sport

• Head Coach/AD Meet

• Develop a Rubric
CUT POLICY

- There may be numbers issue
- There may be a talent issue
- There may be both
- Equal playing time cannot be guaranteed
- Ask your coach
NO CUT POLICY

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COMMITMENT

Our coaches have a tremendous commitment to their respective program and Madison HS
COMMITMENT

• We expect the same from our athletes and you the parents

• Tonight you will receive practice and game schedules, please plan personal appointments appropriately
Parent Communication Pamphlet &
24 Hour Rule

Please allow 24 hours after a contest to approach a coach with any concerns you may have. If you are not satisfied with the meeting you may express your concerns to the Athletic Department in writing.
COMMUNICATION

- Twitter!
  Madison Athletics NJ
  @DodgerAthletics

- Please refrain from daily emails to coaches

- Excessive Texting is discouraged
SPORTSMANSHIP
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• Madison strives to be the beacon of good sportsmanship for Morris County and NJAC

• Captain’s Council

• Disqualification Rule

• Player’s Play, Coaches Coach, Officials Officiate, Parents watch and have fun
SPORTSMANSHIP

National Federation of High Schools

www.nfhslearn.com

“The Role of Parents in Sports”
“There will be no tolerance for negative statements or actions between opposing players and coaches. This includes taunting, baiting, berating opponents, “trash-talking”, or actions which ridicule or cause embarrassment to them. Any verbal, written, or physical conduct related to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or religion shall not be tolerated, could subject the violator to ejection, and may result in penalties assessed against your team. If such comments are heard, a penalty will be assessed immediately. We have been instructed not to issue warnings. It is your responsibility to remind your team of this policy.”
STUDENT-ATHLETE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICE
SUMMER BLACKOUT

Saturday, July 9 – Sunday, July 17

No Summer Workouts

Take a FAMILY VACATION!
DODGER ATHLETICS

• MADISON HIGH SCHOOL WEB SITE
• rSchoolToday
• Forms
• Photo Gallery

• Sideline Access – Coming Soon!
3 B’s for All Star Parents

Be There

Be Positive

Be Seated
Thank you!

Go Dodgers!!!
Girls Soccer: 127
Boys Soccer: 128
Field Hockey: Gym I
Volleyball: Gym II
Football: Auditorium
Cross country: 130
Golf: 129

please make sure you fill out an attendance form before leaving.
Thank You

Athletic Administrators!

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