

Summit Country Day School

July, 2011

Dear Parents and Student-Athletes:

Greetings from the Silver Knights' Athletic Department! We hope this letter finds you rested and enjoying your summer. The Athletic Department has been very busy preparing for the upcoming fall season.

The staffing in the Athletic Department will remain the same. Amber Gerken, our Athletic Trainer, will begin her fourth school year with us, along with Donna Paulin, our Administrative Assistant. Beth Simmons, Assistant Athletic Director will begin her eleventh year at The Summit, and this will be my eighth year.

Again this year we are "going green" and have posted the Athletic Handbook on our website! There is valuable information in this handbook - you may print it or just refer to it on the website. We have also included a "Parent/Student-Athlete Contract" on the last page. For easy printing of the contract, is also posted separately under "Forms" on the website. Please review the entire handbook and then complete and sign the contract - to be returned to your coach at the pre-season meeting.

On Monday, August 15, we will be hosting our Fall Parent/Player/Coach Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Kyte Theatre. We will be discussing policies for the upcoming year, along with the opportunity to meet with your coaches and other parents. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

As the fall season quickly approaches I would like to pass on information to you that should be helpful.

Q. Where can I obtain an OHSAA physical exam form?

A. You can go to The Summit website (www.summitcds.org) and click on Athletics, then go to Physical Exam Form for Sports - on the left column.

Q. Can my child practice without a physical?

A. No, an athlete cannot take the field until he/she has a physical on file in the athletic office.

Q. If we live out of state, can my child participate in athletics?

A. No, with two exceptions. One would be if you moved in to Ohio. Second, if you are what is considered a "lifer." Since we are a K-12 school, if your child entered school here in the first grade and has continually maintained enrollment at The Summit, then he/she is permitted to participate. Of course, an appeal can be made in writing to the Commissioner of the OHSAA, if you wish.

Q. Can you explain the transfer rule?

- A. The transfer rule states that when a student chooses a school to attend for their 9th grade year, they have chosen their “home” school during those high school years; they will be ineligible for one whole year.

Exceptions:

1. The student’s school closes;
2. The student’s parent/s moves from one public school district to another;
3. The student has to enter a school for the deaf or blind;
4. If the Superintendent of the student’s “home” school consents in writing that due to the mental or physical well-being of that student is in jeopardy, the student would be better served at another school. The Superintendent of the other school must also agree in writing and the OHSAA Commission must approve this move. An example of this would be that possible physical or mental harm will come to the student if they stay in their “home” school.

- Q. If my child is participating in high school or middle school soccer, can they continue to play club soccer?

- A. Yes, as long as the club soccer is not during the same time of the year as the school soccer. Once a choice has been made to play interscholastic sports in grades 7-12, any other teams that the athlete is on in that sport (in this case soccer) must stop. Soccer is being used as an example, but it applies to all sports.

- Q. How can I stay updated with scores and team schedules during the school year?

- A. If you go to the athletic website and click on the season and then the team, you will be able to access all of the information that you will need, such as game times, directions, and updated scores. You can also get coaches’ information.

These are just a few answers to some frequently asked questions. I am sure you may have more questions, so please do not hesitate to call the athletic office at the numbers listed below. We are here to serve you.

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Donna Paulin, Administrative Assistant, ext. 257 (paulin_do@summitcds.org)

Amber Gerken, Athletic Trainer, ext. 395 (gerken_a@summitcds.org)

Our website is your best bet for the most current schedules, athletic information, coaches’ links, directions, etc. If a contest is cancelled or times have changed, we will update the website immediately and post on our hotline (extension 485) or an announcement will be posted on the Portal. Parents should sign up for notifications on the Portal for the sport/s in which your student is participating.

Sportsmanship:

As a member of the Miami Valley Conference (MVC) all participants and fans attending all practices or contests will be held to the highest standard of sportsmanship. Parents and spectators are encouraged to cheer for our athletes and not against the other team. Allow the coaches to coach; let the players play; and let the officials officiate so everyone can enjoy all athletic events. During

our league student forums, students are brought together to discuss sportsmanship and ways to improve it in the MVC. The most repeated comments made by these student-athletes are that they want to have fun and that everyone needs to remember - *it is* just a game.

List of Head Coaches with e-mail addresses:

Fall:

Cheerleading	Ms. Deena Carey	carey_d@summitcds.org
Cross Country	Mr. Kurt Smith	smith_k@summitcds.org
Field Hockey	Ms. Maribeth Grattan	scdfieldhockey@yahoo.com
Football	Mr. Mike Brown	brown_m@summitcds.org
Boys' Golf	Mr. Tim Jedding	jedding_t@summitcds.org
Girls' Golf	Mr. Jeff Stayton	stayton_j@summitcds.org
Boys' Soccer	Mr. Barnard Baker	baker_b@summitcds.org
Girls' Soccer	Mr. Mike Fee	fee_m@summitcds.org
Girls' Tennis	Mr. Steve Levine	slevine3@cinci.rr.com
Volleyball	Ms. Beth Simmons	schlomer_m@summitcds.org

Winter:

Boys' Basketball	Mr. Michael Bradley	bradley_m@summitcds.org
Girls' Basketball	Ms. Beth Simmons	simmons_b@summitcds.org
Bowling - Coed	Mr. Ed Escudero	escudero_e@summitcds.org
Cheerleading	Ms. Deena Carey	carey_d@summitcds.org
Swimming & Diving	Ms. Robin Murphy	rmurphy18@cinci.rr.com
Wrestling	Mr. Kyle Wirthwine	wirthwine_k@summitcds.org

Spring:

Baseball	Mr. Triffon Callos	triffonc@hotmail.com
Boys' Lacrosse	Mr. Pat Collura	lacreff@aol.com
Girls' Lacrosse	Ms. Megan Sanders	sanders_m@summitcds.org
Boys' Tennis	Ms. Joy Albi	joyalbi@msn.com
Boys' Track	Mr. Kurtis Smith	smith_k@summitcds.org
Girls' Track	Mr. Kurtis Smith	smith_k@summitcds.org

Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and we encourage all students to get involved as much as possible this year.

May God bless and keep you all,

Gregory G. Dennis
Director of Athletics