

ST. JOSEPH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Dear Parents of St. Joe's Athletes,

May 2011

The Athletic Association would like to thank all of you for your support during the 2010-2011 season. The athletic program continues to be very strong. Our Activity Center continues to be one of the best in the area, and we can take pride in all of the compliments we receive from visitors who come to St. Joes.

The purpose of this note is to sign up your children up for the 2011-2012 season.

It is imperative at this time that the Athletic Association determines exactly how many of the children from our Parish would like to participate on our teams for the 2011-2012 seasons. It may seem like the next season is far away, but we need your reply now so we can manage the following issues:

1. Determine the number of coaches needed and begin to organize volunteers to staff these needs.
2. Review number of uniforms needed, so any additional ones can be purchased.
3. Provide the league with participation counts by June to assure we get our teams in the proper leagues.
4. Determine the number of teams we will field for certain grades.
5. Determine the gym schedule for practice and game times for all the teams.

Because of this, we are asking that each family to return the STUDENT PARTICIPATION FORM by JUNE 1ST, 2011. Additional forms and fees are required if you plan to take advantage of the Early Bird special (see note below).

June 1st is also the deadline date to assure your child's participation in St. Joe's athletics for the 2011 - 2012 season. The only exception will be new students to our parish/school. Also, we may need to reach out in order to fill teams who are short players. In these situations, we try to be flexible in the deadlines.

Since volleyball starts early in the school year, I would ask that you make your commitments to this sport a firm one. For the winter sports, we have a little more time to firm up the counts and will do that early in the fall. Because of the issues we have had with families signing up late or backing out, we have instituted the following policy:

If you sign your child up but then pull them out anytime before the end of the season, you will still be required to fulfill your concession duty including the \$100 deposit.

Public school students must be enrolled in St. Joseph's REC program to participate on St. Joseph's teams. The fees for next year are as described below.

FEE SCHEDULE FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN 2011-2012

- **\$80** per individual for the sports of volleyball and basketball
- **\$50** per individual for track
- **\$250** family maximum
- **These amounts include the uniform fee.**

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: Families who get all of their forms and fees in by June 1st can take a \$10 discount per sport per child (\$70 for volleyball, \$70 for basketball, or \$40 for track). The Early Bird family maximum is \$240.

Our seasons tentatively run as follows:

Volleyball	Mid August to first week in November
Basketball	First full week of November through early March
Track	April to late May or early June

Please note – for volleyball the athletes should use their T-shirts from the previous year, new players will receive T-shirts as part of their fees; all replacement shirts will be \$10. In addition, be aware that in all sports if we do not have a large enough number to field a team, we will try and line the athletes up with other schools, but there is always a possibility of the sport being cancelled for a particular grade.

I would ask that you review the Parental Volunteer and Participation sheet; taking note of the financial requirements section. The Athletic Association rules of conduct can be found on the website.

Please contact the Athletic Board if you are interested in becoming more active in the Athletic Association. Thanks so much for your commitment to our programs; we cannot do it without you.

Sincerely,

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