

**Billy Mills Middle School**

**Cougar Tennis**

**Spring 2024**

**General Information -** Welcome to the 2024 Boys Tennis season!

* First day of practice will be when we return from Spring Break (March 18)
* Athletic forms must be completed and turned into the main office before athletes are allowed to participate, so please turn these in BEFORE Spring Break! If you have participated in a sport during the fall or winter seasons, you do not need to do this again.
* This will be a unique season in terms of coaching. Coach Maxwell is having surgery right before break and will not be back for the first week or two of practice. Even after my return, I will not be able to swing a racket. Coach Torbett will be coming over to help me out with this. For the time in the gym, our warm-ups will be covered by volunteers from the building, or myself upon my return.

**Practice Information**

* Practices will begin at 3:15 and end at 5:00. Please have your athlete picked up promptly at 5:00.
* Practices will always start in the Small Gym for indoor warm-ups, then we’ll either transition outside, or stay inside depending on the weather
* An excused absence from school is the only way to get an excused absence from practice. Three unexcused absences from practice will result in your removal from the team.
* Athletes must wear proper attire - athletic pants/shorts, and athletic shoes. No jeans, boots, sandals, etc. Athletes will need their own racket (please pay attention to the size) and a water bottle.
* We will not have practices on Wednesdays. Please take advantage of this time to rest and get caught up on schoolwork!

**Match Information**

* Parents may attend matches and transport their athlete home - Coach Maxwell or Torbett just need to see the athlete in the presence of their parent before leaving.
* Players are expected to stay for the remainder of the match, even when they’re done playing, to support their teammates.
* There are bleachers to sit on, but you may want to bring lawn chairs.
* Rain dates for matches are the Thursdays following the scheduled Tuesday match.



Please let me know if you have any questions! I’m looking forward to a great season!

**Coach Whitney Maxwell**

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**Parents AND Athletes: Please join our GroupMe for easy communication for reminders and announcements!**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **March 18**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **19**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **20**  *NO Practice* | **21**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **22**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* |
| **25**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **26**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **27**  *NO Practice* | **28**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **29**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* |
| **April 01**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **02**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **03**  *NO Practice* | **04**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **05**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* |
| **08**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **09**  **Match vs. LMCMS 3:30**  At Rock Chalk Park | **10**  *NO Practice* | **11**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **12**  *NO Practice* |
| **15**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **16**  **Match vs. SWMS 3:30**  At Rock Chalk Park | **17**  *NO Practice* | **18**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **19**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* |
| **22**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **23**  **Match vs. WMS 3:30**  At Rock Chalk Park | **24**  *NO Practice* | **25**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **26**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* |
| **29**  *Practice 3:15-5:00* | **30**  **City-Wide Tournament**  **10:30**  At Rock Chalk Park | **01** | **02** | **03** |