



Dear Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents and Student-Athletes,

The spring season is almost upon us with practices beginning **Monday, March 2** for **boys' and girls' lacrosse** and **tennis**. **Sailing** (8th grade only) begins with tryouts on **March 3 and 4**.

Below is information you will need for the upcoming season.

STARTING TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE

Any student interested in playing lacrosse may simply show up at the first practice. Pre-registration is required for sailing and tennis (see below). Full game and practice schedules are posted on the team webpages.

Monday, March 2

Boys' Lacrosse: 3:30-5:00 p.m. Beach Field. Practices: Monday-Friday.

Contact: [John Villareal](#)

Girls' Lacrosse: 3:30-5:00 p.m. Manse Field. Practices: Monday-Friday.

Coach: [Elizabeth Hollick](#)

Tennis: 3:45-5:15 p.m. Fusco Athletic Park. Practices: See below.

The team bus will depart from Dove Lane at 3:30 p.m.

Coach: [Trevor Wilby](#)

Please note for tennis this year:

- Due to Truxton Park closing its courts this season for resurfacing, Key will be limited to the courts at Fusco Athletic Park, which must be shared by Middle School, JV and Varsity Tennis teams. Middle School players will have 2-3 days of practice/matches a week.
- In order to arrange practice time and matches for your child, students MUST [sign up here](#) by Tuesday, February 18 to play on the team.
- All participating families will receive a detailed email the week of February 24 notifying them of the two scheduled practice days (Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday). A third day will be added if practice space is available or if a match is scheduled.

Tuesday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 4:

Sailing (8th Grade only): Tryouts for Spring Sailing will be held March 3 and 4 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC). Before tryouts, students **MUST** [register here](#). There will be a meeting for all students after tryouts are complete.

Sailing Coordinator: [Brianna Grenier](#)

REQUIRED FORMS

If not previously completed this school year, a **required sports physical form** must be completed by **March 2**. Go to [Forms for Our Athletes](#) on Key's Athletics webpage for details.

COMMUNICATION FROM KEY ABOUT PRACTICES AND GAMES

In order to be aware of changes that may occur, it is important that both athletes and parents monitor the online practice schedule and that parents monitor their email.

- Key will contact parents via email to relay a **same-day change** to a practice or game.
- You can get **Athletics iCal feeds & alerts on your device**. Download athletic events to your calendar and get email and/or text alerts when practice or game information changes from the "Upcoming Games" section on the [Athletics homepage](#). Be sure to **check the date of the change** as it may not be a same-day change!

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the off-campus practices is provided by the School, but you are welcome to pick up your child at the practice site.

- If you choose to pick up your child at the practice site, **please be there 15 minutes before the end of practice**.
- Practice always ends several minutes prior to the posted end time so the team bus can leave as close to the practice end time as possible (e.g., tennis practice ends at 5:05 so the team bus can leave at 5:15).
- The **team bus cannot wait for your arrival** at the off-campus site and we would never leave your child unattended; therefore, if you are not at the site when the team bus leaves, your child must get on the bus and be driven back to campus.

- All on-campus pick-ups should occur in the main lot by the circular bench. Please do not pick up students in the parking lot beside Katharine Hall. **Please note: NO PARKING IS PERMITTED ON DOVE LANE.**
- Key's Carpool Module, accessible on the Transportation Options page, may be of assistance to parents who are interested in carpool options.

OBEZAG ATHLETIC WEBPAGES

The [Key Athletics webpages](#) are rich sources of information for parents and students alike, especially the team pages. The Athletics homepage provides:

- An overview of all upcoming games
- A button linking to the current day's practice and game schedules
- Athletics news
- The popular @Obezags Twitter feed
- Links to required forms
- Information about Key's athletics philosophy
- Achievements and photos
- The individual team pages include team rosters, practice and game schedules, and coach contact information.

PLAN AHEAD! Parents with students in 8th grade: **Upper School Fall pre-season practices will begin August 17, 2020** with mandatory concussion baseline testing and optional sports physicals scheduled a day or two earlier. More information will be available in the summer.

We are very excited about the upcoming winter season at Key. I encourage every parent, whether your child plays a sport at Key or not, to come to a game. I am confident you will enjoy the spirited atmosphere and the more fans we have at our games, the more fun we all have. To keep up-to-date with all the exciting Zag news, follow us on Twitter (@Obezags) and Facebook (keyschool).

If you have any questions, please contact me at bboyd@keyschool.org or 410-263-9231, ext. 1282.

Sincerely,
Brian Boyd

Athletic Director