

To: Parents of the Athletic Program

From: Krishna Ramalingam

Re: 2019-2020 Athletic Program

Date: Monday, August 26th, 2019

Greetings to all, I hope your summer was a fun and relaxing one! I just wanted to send home a letter that should be your guide to: sports program policies, necessary equipment, important dates and fees.

Attendance: This is a simple one! **We make the line-ups for each afternoon's game at 2:00pm daily.** Please be sure to send me a text **(612-251-0228)** by 2:00pm if your child can NOT play on that given day. This helps Erik and I put together balanced and fair line-ups that usually lead to close and competitive contests.

Coaching Staff Expectations: First and foremost, we expect each child to show up to sports camp in **good academic standing** with all their teachers. Failure to do so will result in a brief meeting with parents, the teacher concerned and I, as well as a one-game suspension.

We also expect students to be exemplary citizens of Ramalynn Academy as well as role-models to the younger students and their peers. Please remember that your opponents today might be your teammates tomorrow. Sportsmanship and the ability to see the big picture and model behavior that shows the younger students that the best measuring stick for success during a game is an honest, good effort are of the utmost importance. Work hard, play hard, have fun and be a good example for all around you to see!! Please let us know by 2pm when your child is **NOT** playing.

Parent/Player Expectations: If all coaching staff expectations are met, each member of the team can expect playing-time in either the Advanced Game or Beginner Game. Students will be placed into one of the two groups based on ability and which group offers the most playing time/opportunity to succeed for that individual.

The Sports Seasons

Fall Season: The Fall Sports season consists of flag football and soccer and runs daily from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. The advanced group will spend each day playing football, while the beginner group will spend half the session playing football and the other half playing soccer. We will use inclement weather days as study-hall periods. This season begins on **August 26th** and ends on **Super Bowl Friday, November 1st** (the EI Super Bowl will be held on Thursday, November 1st). Come dressed for summer, fall or winter weather as the temperature drastically changes from the beginning to end of this program. Proper gear to pack include: mouth guard, cleats, football gloves, shin-guards and flag football flags available at Dick's.

Winter Season: The Winter Sports season is all about hockey! We will play games at the **Bloomington Armory (3300 West 98th Street, Bloomington, 55431)** on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday or in the Sports Room at Ramalynn on Wednesday and Friday. When at the Armory the advanced group game starts as close to 3:40pm as possible with the beginner group's game played between periods and immediately after the advanced group game. **Our first day at the Armory is Monday, November 4th. As in the past, we need drivers to make the Armory portion of our season successful.** Please look for a sign-up sheet to drive as late October approaches. When at Ramalynn the advanced group will play immediately after the school day concludes with the beginner group taking the rink upon completion of the advanced group game. The advanced group will use the hour after their game is completed as a study hall period under the guidance of Krishna. This program runs Monday through Friday from 3:00pm to 5:30pm from **Monday, October 21st through Thursday, April 16th, 2020**. Proper gear to pack include: tennis shoes, helmet, stick, gloves and shin-guards.

Spring Season: The Spring sports season consists of baseball and soccer and runs daily from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Our baseball program is one-of-a-kind and was created by **Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett** while his children attended Ramalynn. He believed that playing with a tennis ball made players better hitters and fielders with the unpredictability of the tennis ball. He also believed that pitchers should be able to throw as hard as they wanted, but underhanded as to not injure their arm, from a pitcher's mound that was close to home plate to force batters into making quick-decisions. Kirby guaranteed that an average player at Ramalynn would be a standout on his or her local traveling baseball team! The advanced group will play a baseball double-header (one RMA Baseball game takes an average of 40 minutes to complete) while the beginner group plays soccer. Time permitting, the beginner group will take batting practice or play their own baseball game after they complete their soccer match. We will use inclement weather days as study hall periods. This program runs from **Monday, March 9th, 2020 through Wednesday, June 10th, 2020**. Proper gear to pack includes: tennis shoes, cleats, baseball glove, and team cap.

Important Athletic Program Dates for 2019-2020

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Monday, August 26th, 2019: First day of practice for flag football season

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019: First game of the 2019 Ramalynn Football League Season

Monday, October 7th, 2019: Football Playoffs Begin

Friday, November 1st, 2019: Ramalynn Super Bowl XXIX at 4:00pm

Monday, October 21st, 2019: Hockey Season Begins at Ramalynn and continues at the Armory on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 16th, 2020. Our first day at the Armory is **November 4th**.

Early November 2019: Summer and Fall Awards Night upstairs at 4:30pm

November 18th-26th, 2019: Hockey World Championships Mini-Tournament in Sports Room

Monday, February 3rd, 2020: Hockey Playoffs Begin

March 4th-6th, 2020: Ramalynn Mini-State Hockey Tournament

Monday, March 9th, 2020: Baseball Begins (Weather Permitting and on non-Stanley Cup days)

May of 2020: 2020 Sports Program Sleepover

April 7th-23rd, 2020: 2020 Ramalynn Stanley Cup Finals

Mid May, 2020: Hockey Awards Night at 4:30pm

June 5th-10th 2020: 2020 Ramalynn World Series

Ramalynn Athletic Program Fees

The ***Ramalynn Athletic Fee*** will be **\$50.00**. This should not be confused with the activity fee you paid in August. The athletic fee covers a portion of the cost of renting the Armory and also goes towards the cost of painting the field for football. Please have the Athletic Fee in by **September 3rd**.

The 2018-19 **Jersey Fee** is **\$25.00** and goes towards new jerseys. Please have this fee in by **September 27th**.

The 2019 Ramalynn Fall & Summer Sports Awards Night will be held in early November. We will hand out trophies and awards for this past football season as well as the summer of 2019's baseball, soccer and golf seasons. The cost of this event is **\$35.00** and is due on awards night.

The 2020 Ramalynn Sports Program Sleepover will take place ***on a Friday in early Spring*** at Ramalynn. Sleepover check-in is 6pm on Friday and pick up is 9am, or earlier, on Saturday morning. The cost of this event is **\$45.00** per player and covers dinner, snacks, breakfast and pop/beverages for the entire night!

The 2020 Ramalynn Hockey Awards Night will take place in mid May. The cost of this event is **\$30.00** and covers a yearbook in addition to hockey trophies and awards.

You can pay each of these as they come up or you can make one payment of **\$185**.

Meet Our Staff

Krishna Ramalingam- Founded sports camp in 1986 while in grade school as a summer project that Lynn admits was to keep him busy and learn to put in a full-day's work. As a coach his Bangu Football Club team's won 10 state championships including 3 State Cup Championships and fell 2 points shy of a trip to the Regional 2 Finals in 2005. His 2015 MTA Soccer team won the Minnesota US Club State Championship with a roster whose core was made up of Ramalynn students. Krishna was the Minnesota's Sports Magazine Coach of the Year in 1997. Krishna majored in Child Psychology and has degrees in Montessori Elementary I, Montessori Elementary II and a Master's degree in Education with a focus on Statistics.

Sheldon Miller- Joins our staff this fall with an impressive resume. Sheldon played division 1 football at the University of Akron where he started as a freshman at defensive back before transitioning to linebacker as a sophomore. Sheldon has coached football at the middle school and high school level and received a degree in liberal arts.

Jordan Taylor- Returns to our sports program staff this fall for his 4th year. The Ramalynn grad was the 2011 NCAA Basketball Bob Cousy Award winner, which is given to the nation's top point guard, he also made the 2012 All-Big Ten Basketball team and was on the 2012 NCAA All-American team. The academic all-star led the Wisconsin Badgers to the NCAA tournament during all four of his years at UW. Jordan has spent the last five years playing professional basketball for the Atlanta Hawks, Virtus Roma, the Milwaukee Bucks, Hapoel Holon and Alba Berlin. Jordan will be a part of our sports program until his rehab is complete and he heads back to Europe in December.

Ryan Ramalingam- will be a junior at BTC this fall and will continue his efforts as an assistant coach in the athletic program. Ryan is now in his 6th season assisting in the sports program!

Lilly Ramalingam- will be a senior at Mounds Park Academy and will volunteer her time after school to help along the athletic program's new athletes.

Several other Ramalynn Alumni will join us throughout the 2019-20 school year to provide guidance, leadership and coaching expertise when their high school or college schedules permit them to do so.