



Dear Middle School Parents/Guardians,

Beginning last school year our middle school athletic conference, the Suburban Middle School Conference, began discussions for the potential of making adjustments to our athletic seasons. In November, 2019, our conference -with representation from all schools- voted to make the following changes effective in the 2020-21 school year.

1. Softball will move from our Spring season to our Fall season, and will begin in mid-August.
2. Girls' basketball, boys' basketball, softball, and girls' volleyball will adjust their start dates, and possibly season length, to now fully participate in the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA). These teams will also compete in regional, sectional, and state tournaments.
3. As a result of the adjusted timelines for girls' basketball and boys' basketball, Pom Poms and game squad cheer teams will adjust their season timelines to align with their respective sports.
4. Middle School South will now host a competitive cheer team to compete in competitions and the IESA state competition.
5. Our North Suburban Middle School conference will now move from a nine team conference to an eight team conference, and will no longer feature Grayslake Middle School. We will no longer be divided into two separate divisions.
6. With this realignment of seasons, practice space will now be more difficult to schedule. Currently we hold practice from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with transportation at 4:15 p.m. Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year we also have 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. practices at each school to accommodate time for all teams. At this time we will not be able to offer transportation home for students attending these practices. Students staying for a 4:00 p.m. practice will be able to either come back to school for practice or stay at school in a supervised area. This schedule will be made ahead of time and be included in the practice schedules distributed by coaches prior to the start of the season.

We understand that this change may impact families and students in different ways, and we will work hard at each school to ensure students are given the opportunity to participate in the programs they want to participate in most. Along with the other schools in our conference, we believe this change is in the best interest of our students and our athletic programs. We hope to ensure a smooth transition, and will continue to communicate about these changes, schedules, and more over the coming months. Along with this letter are FAQs and tentative projected dates for each sport. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

If you have any questions please contact your building athletic directors.

Sincerely,

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## FAQs

### Why make these changes now?

These changes were brought to the conference by a few schools at the beginning of last year. Discussions between the schools weighed the pros and cons of making such a change. These changes will provide more opportunities for our students, such as participation in IESA state competitions.

### What if my student wants to participate in more than one athletic activity at a time?

With these changes we recognize that athletic activities that did not overlap in the past may now overlap during certain points in their seasons. In an effort to encourage and allow participation in these activities, students will be able to participate on more than one athletic team at a time when these seasons briefly overlap. Practice and game schedules will be made by the athletic director, assistant athletic director, and coaches from each school.

## Projected Dates for Next Year's Seasons

<b>ACTIVITY</b> <i>Bolded activities indicates it is an IESA activity.</i>	<b>Projected LZ Start Date</b>	<b>Projected First Conference Game</b>	<b>Projected Conference Tournament</b>	<b>IESA First Round</b>
<b>Softball</b>	Aug. 12th	Aug. 27th	Oct. 5th -7th	Sept. 9, 12, 14
<b>Cross Country</b>	Aug. 24th	<i>Sept. 1st*</i>	<i>Oct. 5th*</i>	Oct. 10th
Boys' Soccer	Aug. 24th	Aug. 29th	<i>Oct. 5th - 9th*</i>	<i>Not an IESA Sport</i>
<b>Girls' Basketball (7th)</b>	Sept. 16th	Sept. 22nd	Nov. 2nd - 4th	Nov. 21, 23-25 (7th)
<b>Girls' Basketball (8th)</b>	Sept. 16th	Sept. 22nd	Nov. 2nd - 4th	Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 3, 4 (8th)
Poms	Sept. 16th	Sept. 22nd	<i>None</i>	<i>Not an IESA Sport</i>
<b>Boys' Basketball (7th)</b>	Nov. 9th	Nov. 17th	Jan. 11th - 13th	Jan. 23, 25-28 (7th)
<b>Boys' Basketball (8th)</b>	Nov. 9th	Nov. 17th	Jan. 11th -13th	Jan. 30, Feb. 1, 2, 4 (8th)
<b>Competitive Cheer</b>	Nov. 9th	Nov. 17th	<i>None</i>	Jan. 23 (Competition Day)
Game Squad Cheer	Nov. 9th	Nov. 17th	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>Wrestling</b>	Dec. 7th	Jan. 12th	Feb. 13th	Feb. 27th
<b>Girls' Volleyball (7th)</b>	Dec. 14th	Jan. 12th	Feb. 23rd - 24th	Feb. 27, Mar. 1-4 (7th)
<b>Girls' Volleyball (8th)</b>	Dec. 14th	Jan. 12th	Feb. 23rd - 24th	Mar. 6, 9-11 (8th)
Boys' Volleyball	Jan. 4th	Jan. 26th	Mar. 8th - 10th	<i>Not an IESA Sport</i>
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	Mar. 15th	<i>Mar. 30th</i>	<i>May 1st</i>	May 7th or 8th
Girls' Soccer	Mar. 15th	<i>Mar. 30th</i>	<i>May 10th - 13th</i>	<i>Not an IESA Sport</i>

Below is also a list of intramurals/clubs that Middle School South offers throughout the year. These intramurals/clubs can change from year to year.

## LZMSS Intramurals/Clubs

Meets All Year	Meets for About a Semester	Meets for About a Quarter
<b>Broadcasting Club</b> <b>Diversity Club</b> <b>Eagle's Rise Up</b> <b>Jazz Band</b> <b>Literary Magazine</b> <b>Recycling Club</b> <b>Silly Strings</b> <b>Steel Drum Band</b> <b>Student Council</b> <b>Yearbook</b>	<b>Art Club</b> (January - May) <b>Club CSI: Cooking, Sewing, Imagination</b> (September - January) <b>Fall Musical Cast</b> (August - November) <b>Fall Musical Crew</b> (August - November) <b>Lego League</b> (Two teams each semester)	<b>Bowling</b> (February - March) <b>Golf Club</b> (September - October) <b>Science Olympiad</b> (December - February) <b>Ski Club</b> (January - February) <b>SPARK Club</b> (September - November) <b>Spring Play Cast</b> (January - March) <b>Spring Play Crew</b> (January - March) <b>Variety Show</b> (April - May) <b>Woodworking Club</b> (November - December & March - April)