

Hello Tennis Players:

I hope that all of you have been enjoying the summer heat by playing tennis. The preseason will begin soon, 17 August from 8:30-12:00. At 8:45 everyone will be screened with a temperature check. We will use that time-slot from Monday, 17 August-Tuesday, 25 August. We will practice 26-28 August but we may have to modify the times due to the opening of school. We will take all precautions due to the pandemic but are moving forward with the plan of having a normal season.

For the first seven days of preseason: 17 August-25 August we will meet on the upper courts for drilling and tryouts. We will keep 16 players on the Varsity and JV Blue teams. There are 54 players listed on the roster and that is too many. We want to restrict the preseason to only those who wish to try out for one of the top 16 spots. If you do not wish to compete for those positions you will not need to come to preseason.

Come to practice with a series of precautions: 1. Bring water and a towel 2. Have all your health forms submitted and cleared with the training staff 3. Bring a mask 4. Bring gloves if you wish 5. Bring sunscreen 6. Bring healthy snacks. We will keep safe distance and adhere to all of the specifications of the CDC and Shady Side Academy. We may need to move to a split squad preseason if there are too many attending.

We will have four teams: 1. Varsity-top seven, 2. Varsity/JV Blue-next nine, 3. JV Gold-those wishing to play for fun with some matches, 4. Developmental-those who wish to play for fun and exercise. We will be forced to have cuts and/or go to a rotating A-B day schedule (for JV Gold and developmental only).

We have a high number of seniors trying out this season, 11. As per the school rule, seniors will not be able to play at the JV level or below. We are thinking of putting some of these players into a PE tennis class if we can work out the details.

Please send me an email if you are going to try-out for the top 16: jmiller@shadysideacademy.org.

Check with the athletic training staff if you have any questions about your health forms or IMPACT testing crose@shadysideacademy.org (Mr. Chris Rose) or bmahoney@shadysideacademy.org (Ms. Brynn Mahoney).

No one will be permitted to practice without all health forms and IMPACT testing information on file.

I hope that those trying out for the varsity are involved in competitive match play. Please play as much as you can. We will have a very competitive-open competition for all spots for the Varsity and JV Blue teams. We will have practice five days a week. Be certain that you are able to clear your schedule if you want to make the varsity commitment.

Sincerely,
Coaches Brill and Miller

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