

Girls Golfers:

I hope you have all had a pleasant and restful summer and you have played golf on a consistent basis. I am excited to announce Mr. Aiken will be the Head Girls Golf Coach for the 2020 season. I will continue in the program as an assistant coach to Mr. Aiken. We cannot wait to get started. I am including information about Mr. Hessler's and Mr. Smith's golf camp in this letter. You do not have to attend the camp to try out for the girls golf team.

Mr. Aiken and I are anticipating a great 2020 golf season. Girls' golf tryouts will be at Fox Chapel Golf Club on August 25th at 8:00 a.m. I know that some of you have already signed up for golf camp. All team members are invited to prepare for tryouts by attending a **preseason golf camp** at Pine Creek and Pittsburgh National prior to tryouts. Camp will take place August 10 and August 11 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon at Pine Creek and August 12 and 13 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Pittsburgh National Golf Club. The camp will be run by Head Golf Professional Mark Hessler and his team. This is available for any prospective golfers. The camp is **NOT** mandatory and attending it will not affect your chances of making the team. However, if you are new to the game and playing competitively, it is strongly encouraged. The fee will be \$350 for the week. For golf camp please RSVP to Mr. Hessler at 412-527-7913 ASAP with the name of the student a phone number where he can reach them; or you can contact Mr. Smith at ksmith@shadysideacademy.org.

Please make sure that your health form is turned in before the start of the pre-season. Failure to do so will mean that you will be unable to participate in the qualifiers. Given the situation with Covid-19, there are many additional procedures and requirements necessary to provide a safe environment for our athletes this fall. These will include check-ins at the golf course for each day of the preseason camp and tryouts, as well as information required for the trainers prior to participating in SSA athletic activities. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Deal at edeal@shadysideacademy.org or visit the SSA website.

Please practice and play as much as you can this summer so that we can build a strong team.

Mr. Aiken and Mr. Deal
Girls' Golf Coaches