



Dear GFS families,

I know you are receiving a lot of information about the start of school, and I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself for those I haven't had the chance to meet. I started as the GFS Athletic Director over the summer and, like our colleagues around the school, the GFS Athletics team and I have been working diligently to plan for many different scenarios this fall.

As we expected, the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland (IAAM) and Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association, our athletic governing bodies, announced yesterday that there will be no official athletic season for the fall.

Given this, there is also no Preseason. While this is disappointing for our GFS Athletics team and for your daughters, we were anticipating this decision and have many plans in the works to keep our students active, engaged and continuing their growth as athletes.

During both the virtual start to the school year and once we are able to be back on campus, we are fully prepared to offer a robust program and options for your daughter, whatever her level of athletic interest. This will be done both virtually and in-person as much as possible. For our competitive athletes, we will be coordinating skills drills, conditioning, practices and other activities designed to keep her in shape and ensure she has the support and guidance she needs to excel. For those just looking to stay active or participate in a group sport, we will offer a wide variety of fun and engaging physical activities.

I look forward to sharing more detailed plans with you and your daughters in the near future. We will continue working with the gradual re-entry schedule Mr. Hughes announced earlier this week as well as evaluating our options to ensure we are offering options that adhere to all safety guidelines and protocols. We will also host virtual interest meetings for both Middle and Upper School students in the beginning of the year to gauge their interest and comfort levels with various options we are considering. **I also encourage each student to [submit this questionnaire](#), which will help ensure we are on the right track in our planning to meet every student's individual needs.** Please submit this questionnaire no later than Friday, August 21.

I am so eager to get the year started and meet more of the amazing GFS students I've heard so much about—first virtually and then on our fields and courts. I know this is a challenging year for everyone, but I am confident we can deliver options that will be challenging, supportive and fun and continue to grow our athletic program. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. Go Grizzlies!

Best wishes,

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