



October 9, 2020

Dear Malvern Prep Community:

It has been a trying summer and fall for our student-athletes. As you know, Malvern competes in the Inter-Ac league, which had initially determined that fall sports would be postponed in an effort to help mitigate COVID-19. However, in recent weeks, the Inter-Ac opened discussions about potentially reversing that decision, and Malvern also began evaluating our ability to reinstate fall sports safely.

The Inter-Ac league has decided not to pursue a fall season at this time but will continue to assess the possibility for the future. However, after careful consideration, Malvern's administration has approved a plan to resume Upper School fall sports for varsity teams, effective immediately. Our intent, as always, is to operate from a position that safeguards the health and well-being of our students, coaches, and school community, and our decision was therefore based on a number of factors, including the guidance of our certified school nurse, the PolicyLab at the University of Pennsylvania, and Chester County health officials as well as our lived experience in the weeks since the beginning of school with student-athletes effectively working out safely, with masks, in small groups, across campus, without any incidence of transmission.

At this time, we are working diligently to form schedules for our varsity programs. Junior Varsity and Freshman programs will continue to practice at their coach's discretion. If it is possible to schedule junior varsity or freshman contests, we will inform you about those as well.

Thank you,
Mr. Jim Stewart, Jr.
Director of Athletics