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Dear Parents,

We are excited to have Softball back in the mix in our Athletics program this year after an interruption of our 2020 season by Covid-19. We are hopeful that our season can run from start to finish in 2021, and though there will be some adaptations that will need to be made, we are looking forward to being back on the field!

Your student is on the roster for the Rowland Hall high school softball team, so I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you and to give you information regarding team membership requirements.

We are scheduled to begin practices on **Monday, March 1, 2021. A full practice/match calendar will be shared with parents and players in February.** Practices will be held daily (except on game days) after school, at either Sunnyside Park (weather permitting) or at the Lincoln Campus or the McCarthey Campus Sparrow Fieldhouse if weather is inclement. Practice time will usually be from 3:45-5:45 p.m., although early season practices may need to fluctuate due to gym availability and weather issues.

We will hold a parent meeting on **Tuesday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom, a link to be sent out closer to this date.** This meeting is **required**, and your student will not be allowed to play in a game unless you attend. If absolutely unable to be there, you must set up a one-on-one meeting with me, though it is definitely preferred that you attend the scheduled meeting, even if you are a seasoned “vet” to the program.

A mandate from the UHSAA has taken effect requiring that a physical examination be performed by a qualified physician each school year. This means that you need to schedule an appointment *now* in order to have exam done by a physician **and the Physical Exam Form A completed including all three pages, signed and submitted by February 10. Form A is attached to the email that comes along with this letter.**

Several other forms are also required and will be read and E-signed by you and your student as you register her for Softball on the UHSAA site called “**Register My Athlete**”, that procedure outlined in another attachment to this email. **Registration on the “Register My Athlete” site needs to be done by February 10.** All forms except for the Physical Exam and Consent Form will now be **electronically signed by you and your student. Our schedule and some other softball related information can be found through the Parent Portal.**

Please contact me via email at cathyhowa@gmail.com if you have any questions. The coaching staff is excited about our prospects for the 2021 season!

Sincerely,

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