



February 4, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

For any students who plan to participate in **Cross Country, Golf and Girls Tennis**, (and want to learn more about the imminent start of the Bay Counties League (BCL) competitive, interscholastic athletics program) here is what we know in a nutshell:

The Bay Counties League West has voted to run a short, 6-week season with three sports (Cross Country, Golf and Girls Tennis), **potentially starting next week, February 8**. However, we await the San Francisco Department of Public Health's (SFDPH) approval of the League's petition in order to begin this shortened season. If approved, we wanted to share the details with you, as we will need to move quickly and efficiently to ensure the students get the most from this abbreviated season.

As an FYI, two additional seasons of sports have been approved by BCL-West Board of Governors. If conditions allow, those seasons would begin mid to end of March and early May, (Season 2: Track & Field, Boys Tennis, Baseball, Softball, Girls/Boys Lacrosse, Volleyball. Season 3: Swimming, Girls/Boys Soccer, Basketball). I'll send along another email in the next week or so with more information and the tentative schedule and preliminary signup for these sports.

Some important points to understand before we meet:

- New California guidance has pushed for an adjusted calendar of athletics, based on which sports are allowed to compete under the four Covid tiers (**CIF Sports Allowed Under Tiers**)
- Urban will only compete against other Bay Area Counties conference schools, should competition be allowed.
- The expectation is that all athletes will be tested every two weeks and must have a negative test result in order to participate.
- Safety is of the utmost importance. League athletic directors, with help from our certified athletic trainers, will put together safety protocols based on county guidelines.
- **Important:** Students who participate in club sports are not allowed to participate on a competitive high school sports team at the same time. (**CIF Club Sports Ruling**)
- No fans are allowed at matches or meets.
- We hope to continue with our athletic training pods for out-of-season sports.

Please check back for updates on the website, or reach out to us with questions.

Best regards,

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