

# HELPFUL ATHLETIC “TIDBITS” FOR PARENTS



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- 1. TEAM SCHEDULES CAN BE FOUND ON THE SSA WEBSITE, UNDER MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS. You can find game times, departure & return times and game locations. If you click on the game itself, you should be able to access the directions along with the departure & return times.**
  - a. It is recommended that during the season, parents do a quick check on the schedule for any updates or changes that make need to be made due to weather or other reasons. PLEASE CHECK THE SSA WEBSITE FOR THIS INFORMATION!**
- 2. IMPORTANT: TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS OF ATHLETIC CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR: use the following link to sign up for the team(s) that your child competes on:**  
<http://www.shadysideacademy.org/athletics/athletics-calendar>.
  - a. There is also a hard copy of those directions in this folder.**
  - b. You will receive immediate information on your phone or email when a change is made to your child's athletic schedule.**
- 3. You can also receive updates to the daily athletic schedule by calling the Shady Side Academy Athletic Hotline: 412-968-3095 for a voice recording of the day's events and times or game cancellations at both the Senior School and Middle School.**
- 4. You are ALWAYS welcome to attend any or all games, home or away! If you want to take your child home with you after an away game, you will need to check in with the coach before you leave with your child so that we have a correct head count before heading back to SSA. Parents or other designated adult(s) is responsible for picking your child up at SSA when a team returns. PLEASE arrive at the designated time as a courtesy to the coach who must wait until all children have been picked up.**

- 5. Late to School Policy: In order to participate in any afternoon or weekend competition or an evening artistic performance, students MUST BE IN CLASS BY 9:30AM. If a student's tardiness is due to a medical appointment, a medical excuse must be brought to the main office upon the child's return to school.**
  
- 6. Early Dismissal Policy: If a student must leave school prior to 3:30pm, a parent note must be sent in to the office in the morning including the time of dismissal and who will be picking up your child. For any early dismissal between 2:15 and 3:30, students will not report to their practice but will attend the gym study that afternoon. This allows the office staff to monitor the coming and goings of all students. Frequent absences from your child's afternoon practice may affect playing time in upcoming games. Please try to limit afternoon appointments as much as possible.**
  
- 7. Team uniforms will be handed out at the start of each competitive season and they must be returned at the end of the season or families will be billed for any missing items.**
  
- 8. Daily questions can also be addressed by calling the front office at the Middle School: 412-968-3100.**

