Dear Potomac Girls' Soccer Families,

Welcome to the 2021 girls soccer season! I am very excited for the upcoming season and approach the fall with high expectations. We are coming off a unique year and my hope is that the fall season is as close to normal as possible; fingers crossed. My assistant this season will be Gayle Wilson, who is joining our team for her third year. She brings plenty of experience to Potomac, both at the collegiate and club level, and I look forward to working with Gayle again this year. Jamil Faryadi is also returning as an assistant coach for his fourth season.

Though it's only June, the summer weeks go by quickly and the preseason will be here before you know it. The varsity team graduated five seniors this spring, so I will be looking for a handful of new faces to add to our program. With hard work and dedication to stay in shape, I am confident Potomac will have another successful and winning season!

Varsity and junior varsity tryouts will begin on Monday, August 23rd from 9-11am and run through August 27th at that time each day (except for weekends). Players who are trying out specifically for the varsity team will have additional sessions on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-4:15pm. Additionally, the varsity team, once selected, has a tentative off campus trip planned, and more details will be given as the summer moves on. The days will most likely be Aug 27-28. The second week (Aug 30th-Sept 3rd), practice times will move to the afternoons at 3:30 due to school commitments for coaches. Please make sure you attack the summer correctly if you plan to begin the 2 weeks of preseason, healthy, rested and in shape.

Administratively, physical forms and insurance information are due to the athletic office by July 15<sup>th</sup>. No player will be allowed to practice or participate in preseason camp unless both of the forms have been turned in. Please contact the athletic department at 703-749-6345 if you have any questions regarding this process.

If you have any questions for me during the summer, feel free to call me at 703 785-2433 or send me an email at: rmcewen@potomacschool.org. Despite being very excited to enter another fall season with high aspirations, you can always track me down in Lower School, teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in classroom 149. I look forward to seeing or hearing from you this summer!

All the best,

Ross McEwen Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach