



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We know the last 1.5 years have been difficult on many of our students and families. There has been a drastic reduction in the opportunities that our students have had to access outside of the standard school day and we know how vital these opportunities are to their growth and social emotional well being.

That is why we are extremely happy to announce our brand new, one of a kind “**Start Em Young**” enrichment program! This program is designed to provide additional opportunities in arts, enrichment, and sports. While the program is going to encompass grades K-4, we are initially going to be rolling it out at the WES (grades 1-4). Our plan is to continue to expand this program throughout the school year providing additional opportunities for students in many different areas!

Starting the week of October 18th we are rolling out the first two opportunities to be offered, **soccer and cross country**. Each sport will be offered twice a week for 1 hour immediately after school until 4:15pm at the WES. (**cross country Monday and Wednesday, soccer Tuesday and Thursday**)

Some important things to note:

- **Spaces are limited in the program so please sign up ASAP.**
- **Student athletes need to be picked up promptly at 4:15pm**
- **Registration will close Tuesday October 12th.**
- **Session will be 6 weeks long however there will be no soccer on Veteran’s day and all sessions are cancelled Thanksgiving week. The final week will take place the week after Thanksgiving**

If your child is in grades 1-4, and you would like to register them please fill out the link to the Registration Form below. If you have any questions, please email

enrichment@westportschools.org.

[Start Em Young: Soccer and Cross Country Registration Form](#)

Sincerely,

Start 'Em Young Enrichment Team



FAQ

Can my child participate in both offerings?

Absolutely! Offerings will be on opposite days so students can take advantage of both.

What if my child is in Kindergarten can they register?

Not yet. It is often a very big transition for a child to get acclimated to a full school day for the first time. We plan to start including the MAC as the school year goes on.

What does Start 'Em Young cost us?

This program is 100% FREE to all students.

Will there be transportation provided by WCS to bring my child home after practice?

Not at this time. However this is something we are looking into.

My child is enrolled in the Extended Day program. Will they be able to participate?

Yes, they can participate. They can participate however there is no transportation to the MAC after practice. Your child will need to be picked up at the WES at 4:15.

