



Athletic Newsletter

7th and 8th grade

February 2023

MS Tryouts begin on or after Monday, March 20, 2023*

Dates are subject to change.

Please make sure your student is registered by March 6th

in order to participate in tryouts! Students not registered cannot tryout.

Please be aware that students must be in school in order to participate in after school activities. They must be in school by the end of first period (9:31) or have a doctor's note if they arrive after that time. If they leave school for an appointment they must return before the end of the school day to participate with the doctor's note.

ONLINE ATHLETIC REGISTRATION IS NOW THROUGH STUDENT CENTRAL/BIG TEAMS

Registration for the 2022-23 school year is through Student Central/Big Teams. Please keep in mind if your child will be participating in sports for the 2022-23 school year, the student must pass a PIAA physical exam. Physicals must be administered by a doctor **June 1, 2022 or after** and they cannot tryout for a sport unless the online registration and physical is complete at least 2 weeks before tryouts begin. Online registration includes a CIPPE Physical (PIAA section 7), this will be uploaded to your online registration. Instructions for registration are below.

- **Spring** registration is due by March 6, 2023

A missed tryout opportunity may occur if you fail to meet the deadlines

**** This year section 7 is uploaded by you to your Student Central/Big Teams account, no forms to be turned in.**

[link to registration instructions](#). If you have any questions about registration please email the following with the students full name and grade:

Grade 7—Tim Seislove at tseis@spring-ford.net

Grade 8—Rick Harrison at rharr@spring-ford.net



SPECIFIC MIDDLE SCHOOL TRYOUT INFORMATION

MS Baseball (grades 7-8) - Tryouts will be held at the 8th grade center

- 7th grade tryouts will be Monday, March 20 - Thursday, March 23
- 8th grade tryouts will be Monday, March 27 - Wednesday, March 29

Tryouts are held at the 8th Grade Center and will go from 3 - 5:30pm. Players should meet outside the 8th Grade Center Auxiliary Gym Stairs before practice, and they will have access to the locker room to change into their baseball attire. Players should get picked-up in the parking lot by the 9th Grade tennis courts after practice. Please make sure to email your student's name and parent contact info to Coach D'Orazio (7th grade) at: jdora@spring-ford.net or Coach Heffernan (8th grade) at: mbheffernan@pvsd.org

MS Softball (grades 7-8) Tryout Dates (weather dependent)

8th Grade: March 20st, 21nd and 22nd

7th Grade: March 23th, 24th and 27th

Tryouts are from 3-5:30pm. Must be available for all three days of tryouts. Meet outside the 8th Grade Center Auxiliary Gym Stairs. 7th Graders should board the activity bus over to the 8th Grade Center. Specific tryout information and weather related changes will be sent out to those students who have health paperwork and online registration completed (please complete by Monday, March 6th).

MS Track (grades 7-8)

Tryout Dates: March 20-23

Tryouts are from 3-5pm. Meet outside the stadium by the blue and gold gates. Must be available for all tryouts. You will receive a calendar, remind log in info, and other important info on the first day. Please be sure to have all athletic paperwork in prior to try outs and recertify if you played another sport. ATHLETES WITHOUT COMPLETED PAPERWORK MAY NOT PARTICIPATE. 7th Graders should board the activity bus over to the 8th Grade Center and walk to the stadium. 8th graders should walk down to the stadium. There will be an informational meeting during target time or SSS so please listen for the announcement! Any questions please email Mel Borgnis at: mborg@spring-ford.net

MS Boys Lacrosse (grades 7-8)

Tryouts begin on Monday, March 20, please listen to announcements for interest meetings.

MS Girls Lacrosse (grades 7-8) Coach Moley and Coach Pickersgill

Tryouts Monday March 20th-Wednesday March 23rd -bring your own water bottle and equipment (goggles, stick, mouth guard)

-tryouts will take place in the field behind the 9th grade center

-tryouts will start at 3:05pm after school

-the girls to join a google classroom that has been set up.

The class code is: **cxqkha6**

Included is a link for email access. [2023 7/8 girls lacrosse google classroom link](#)

SPECIFIC MIDDLE SCHOOL COACH CONTACT INFORMATION

** Please email the coach if you plan on trying out so they can check on your registration before tryouts begin. They need your name, grade, email and phone number.

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Coach</i>	<i>Email</i>
Baseball Coach (8th Grade)	Michael B. Heffernan, Jr.	mbheffernan@pvsd.org
Baseball Coach-(7th Grade)	James Laky	jlaky@spring-ford.net
Baseball Coach (7th Grade)	Joseph D'Orazio	jdora@spring-ford.net
Lacrosse Coach-Boys' (8th Grade)	Lucinda Iezzi	Liezz@spring-ford.net
Lacrosse Coach-Boys' (7th grade)	Jason Marcellus	jmarc@spring-ford.net
Lacrosse Coach-Girls' (8th Grade)	Marisa Moley	mmole@spring-ford.net
Lacrosse Coach-Girls' (7th Grade)	Nicole Pickersgill	pickernl@npenn.org
Softball Coach (8th Grade)	TDB	
Softball Coach (7th Grade)	TBD	
Softball Coach (7th Grade)	Cheryl A. West	cwest@spring-ford.net
Track Coach (7/8th Grade)	Melinda Borgnis	mborgn@spring-ford.net

TIPS FOR REGISTRATION—BIG TEAMS/STUDENT CENTRAL

Below are a few tips to help you navigate through the athletic registration process.

- If the system is timing out when you try to complete the forms, click “Keep me signed in” when you initially sign in.
- If switching between student accounts, be sure to click the name at the top and sign out before you try to switch.
- PIAA Section 6 Health History can be completed online, Section 7 CIPPE Physical must be uploaded, you can no longer drop them off at the school. You can also upload the Eligibility form and First Aid if you are unable to complete them online.
- All students have an account with Student Central, you need your school email address. This system is case sensitive so be careful how you enter the students email address. (example: MCDANMI-C000@rams.spring-ford.net).
- The initial password to your student account is “bigteams” it is all one word and all lower-case letters.
- An email will not come from Big Teams to your students email as Spring-Ford does not allow outside emails to their accounts, you can still continue through the questions.
- Be sure to make note of your account emails and passwords as you will need them in the future.
- Feel free to contact Customer Support for Big Teams at: support@bigteams.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- How do I register for sports?
 - In order to tryout for sports you will need the following items:
 1. Online Registration Completed through Planeths.com —Instructions for this is on the Athletic Web Page: <https://www.spring-ford.net/high-school-athletics>
 2. PIAA Section 7 CIPPE Physical Form—you can find this on the Athletic Web Page on the right side under Athletic Forms. The physical must be administered by a doctor on or after June 1, 2022 and uploaded to your Planeths account. Any physicals dated before that date cannot be accepted.
 3. Registration completed late may result in a missed tryout opportunity.
- Where do I turn my forms in to?
 - Forms are no longer turned in, you will need to upload your forms to your Planeths account.
- When do sports start and where does my student report?
 - Start/tryout dates are listed in this newsletter and on our web page.
- Where does my student report?
 - Please contact the coach by email for detailed instructions.
- What does my student need to bring to practice?
 - Please contact the coach by email for specific information about the sport.
- Who is the coach?
 - Coaches are listed on the web site .
- Will physicals be held at the school?
 - We will not be holding physicals at the school. You can use Urgent Care or Patient First. The prices are different for each location so you may want to call around.

Student Activity Fee

Student Activity Fee information is found on the Athletic web page under Student Activity Fee. No payments are required during try-outs. The Activity Fee will be collected through School Pay only after teams are established. You will receive an email from the Athletic Office. Payments must be made online; no cash or checks are accepted.

Parents, please make sure your email address is correct in skyward.

The athletic office communications are sent through your skyward email.