



2023-2024 Athletic Program

Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023

Greetings to all, I hope your summer was a fun and relaxing one! I just wanted to send home a letter that should be your guide to: sports program policies, necessary equipment, important dates and fees.

Attendance: This is a simple one! **We make the line-ups for each afternoon's game at 12pm daily.** Please be sure to send me a text **(612-251-0228)** by Noon if your child can **NOT** play on that given day. This helps the sports program staff and I put together balanced and fair line-ups that usually lead to close and competitive contests.

Coaching Staff Expectations: First and foremost, we expect each child to show up to sports camp in **good academic standing** with all their teachers. Failure to do so will result in a brief meeting with parents, the teacher concerned and I, as well as a one-game suspension.

We also expect students to be exemplary citizens of Ramalynn Academy as well as role-models to the younger students and their peers. Please remember that your opponents today might be your teammates tomorrow. Sportsmanship and the ability to see the big picture and model behavior that shows the younger students that the best measuring stick for success during a game is an honest, good effort are of the utmost importance. Work hard, play hard, have fun and be a good example for all around you to see!! ***Please let us know by noon when your child is NOT playing.***

Parent/Player Expectations: If all coaching staff expectations are met, each member of the team can expect playing-time in either the Advanced Game or Beginner Game. Students will be placed into one of the two groups based on ability and which group offers the most playing time/opportunity to succeed for that individual.



The Sports Seasons

Fall Season: The Fall Sports season consists of flag football and soccer and runs daily from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. The advanced group will spend each day playing football, while the beginner group will spend half the session playing football and the other half playing soccer. We will use inclement weather days as study-hall periods. This season begins on **August 23rd** and ends on **Super Bowl Friday, November 3rd** (the El Soccer Championship will be held on Thursday, November 2nd). Come dressed for summer, fall or winter weather as the temperature drastically changes from the beginning to end of this program.

Proper gear to pack include: mouth guard, cleats, football gloves, shin-guards and flag football flags available at Dick's. Students must bring equipment daily.

Winter Season: The Winter Sports season is all about hockey! We will play games at the **Bloomington Armory (3300 West 98th Street, Bloomington, 55431)** on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday or in the Sports Room at Ramalynn on Wednesday and Friday. When at the Armory the advanced group game starts as close to 3:30pm as possible with the beginner group's game played between periods and immediately after the advanced group game. **Our first day at the Armory is Monday, November 6th. As in the past, we need drivers to make the Armory portion of our season successful.** Please look for a sign-up sheet to drive as late October approaches. When at Ramalynn the advanced group will play immediately after the school day concludes with the beginner group taking the rink upon completion of the advanced group game. The advanced group will use the hour after their game is completed as a study hall period under the guidance of Krishna. This program runs Monday through Friday from 3:00pm to 5:30pm from **Monday, October 9th through Thursday, April 19th, 2024. Proper gear to pack include: tennis shoes, helmet, stick, gloves and shin-guards.**

Spring Season: The Spring sports season consists of baseball and soccer and runs daily from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Our baseball program is one-of-a-kind and was created by **Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett** while his children attended Ramalynn. He believed that playing with a tennis ball made players better hitters and fielders with the unpredictability of the tennis ball. He also believed that pitchers should be able to throw as hard as they wanted, but underhanded as to not injure their arm, from a pitcher's mound that was close to home plate to force batters into making quick-decisions. Kirby guaranteed that an average player at Ramalynn would be a standout on his or her local traveling baseball team! The advanced group will play a baseball double-header (one RMA Baseball game takes an average of 40 minutes to complete) while the beginner group plays soccer. Time permitting, the beginner group will take batting practice or play their own baseball game after they complete their soccer match. We will use inclement weather days as study hall periods. This program runs from **Monday, March 4th, 2024 through Wednesday, June 5th, 2024. Proper gear to pack includes: tennis shoes, cleats, baseball glove, and team cap.**



Important Athletic Program Dates for 2023-2024

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Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023: First day of practice for flag football season

Thursday, September 4th, 2023: First game of the 2023 Ramalynn Football League Season

Monday, October 2nd, 2023: Football Playoffs Begin

Monday, October 9th, 2023: Hockey Season Begins at Ramalynn and continues at the Armory on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 19th, 2024. Our first day at the Armory is **November 6th**

Friday, November 3rd, 2023: Ramalynn Super Bowl XXXII at 3:30pm

Early November 2023: Summer and Fall Awards Day in the Cultural Center at RMA at 12pm

November 13th-21st, 2023: Hockey World Championships Mini-Tournament in Sports Room

December 13th-15th, 2023: NCAA Hockey Mini-Tournament in Sports Room

Monday, February 5th, 2024: Hockey Playoffs Begin

Monday, March 4th, 2024: Baseball Begins (Weather Permitting and on non-Stanley Cup days)

March 6th-8th, 2024: Ramalynn Mini-State Hockey Tournament

April 8th-19th, 2024: 2024 Ramalynn Stanley Cup Finals

Mid May, 2024: Hockey Awards Day in the Cultural Center at RMA at 12pm

June 1st-5th, 2024: 2024 Ramalynn World Series

Last Day of School: 2024 Sports Program Sleepover