Hello Current 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Families,

I wanted to share some information about the fall athletic opportunities for next year's Gibbons students, as well as next year's WHS freshmen.

During the fall at GMS, we offer cross-country and football. Both of these teams are competitive and interscholastic, meaning that the team will host other schools, as well as travel to other schools to compete. Interscholastic athletics are different from intramural sports and clubs.

All interscholastic sports require <u>registration via Arbiter Registration</u> (formerly FamilyID) and a <u>current</u> physical to be on file with the school nurse's office prior to participation. Physicals expire 13 months from the date of the exam and athletes are unable to participate on an expired physical, even if it is mid-season.

Gibbons student physicals can be emailed to zhangl@westboroughk12.org.

Westborough High student physicals can be emailed to <u>connorss@westboroughk12.org</u> or <u>deacetisc@westboroughk12.org</u>.

The portal to register can be found on the district website > district departments (top of page) > athletics > registration (left-hand side).

GMS Football:

Gibbons football will take place Monday-Friday at WHS, beginning on Monday 8/26.

Registration for GMS football is currently open and remain open until Monday 8/12.

There is a roster limit of 35 that will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis.

All required equipment is provided, but individuals may choose to utilize their own non-uniform equipment as long as it meets our safety standards.

Gibbons football players will be transported to WHS for practice immediately after school by taking a first-wave bus from GMS to WHS, where coaches will greet them and escort them to their own locker room, and then to practice as a team. Parents/Guardians are responsible for pickup after practice. We may explore offering an after-practice bus if there is a need.

After receiving email confirmation of registration, please monitor your email for further information and communications from the coaches.

Questions regarding GMS football can be directed to:

Levi Hanson, Director of Athletics: hansonl@westboroughk12.org

Coach Raymond, GMS football head coach: raymondr@westboroughk12.org

GMS Cross-Country:

Gibbons cross-country takes place Tuesday-Thursday beginning approximately the second week of September. Practices and home races take place at GMS and Veteran's Park.

Registration for GMS cross-country will open Monday 8/26 and close on Friday 9/6.

Depending on the number of students who register, there may be a roster limit that will be filled via lottery selection.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for pickup.

After receiving email confirmation of registration, please monitor your email for further information and communications from the coaches. Student-athletes will also receive information via Google Classroom from Mr. Paulhus after they sign up.

WHS Freshman Fall Athletics:

Students who attend Westborough High School in the fall have the opportunity to participate in the following athletic programs: Soccer, Football, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Cross-Country, Cheer, or Boys Golf.

Registration for WHS Fall Athletics is currently open.

There will be an informational meeting for current 8th-grade students during 7th period on Tuesday 6/11. Students will be called to the meeting via PA announcement at that time.

The meeting will provide the opportunity for students to meet their WHS coaches, learn about important communication protocols, receive important dates, program expectations, summer opportunities, the tryout process, and ask any questions they may have about being a part of the team.

It is imperative that student-athletes attend their scheduled tryout dates and communicate any absences in advance with their coach. Failure to do so may impact a student's ability to participate. Questions can be directed to the head coach of the team or the Athletic Director.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you on the fields, courts, and stands in the fall!

All the best,

Levi Hanson
Director of Athletics