



Athletic Newsletter

Incoming 7th and 8th grade

June 2024

ONLINE ATHLETIC REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Start Dates/Tryouts for **2024-2025**

Incoming 7-8th grade Fall Sports

Registration for the 2024-25 school year is now open. Please keep in mind if your child will be participating in sports for the 2024-25 school year, the student must pass a PIAA physical exam. Physicals must be administered by a doctor **May 1, 2024 or after** and they cannot try-out 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 will be emailed out in June and on the tab below under Registration.

- **Fall** registration is due **2 weeks** before your first practice/tryouts
- **Winter** registration is due by **November 1, 2024**
- **Spring** registration is due by **February 19, 2025**

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

**** PIAA Physical "Section 6" must be dated after May 1, 2024 and uploaded to your Student Central/Big Teams account, no paper forms will be accepted.**

Below you will find the link to registration information:

- [Student Central Kick Off Letter](#) - this gives you the basics of how the system works
- [Getting Started Guide for Students & Parent/Guardian](#) - this will give you step by step instructions.

Fall Starting Dates: 2024-2025 ** dates are subject to change

- **Aug. 28, 2024**—8th grade Football and 7th grade Football
- **Sept. 5, 2024** - Middle School Sports, First Practice/Tryouts

**** Make sure your student is prepared for tryouts the first week of school.**



SPECIFIC MIDDLE SCHOOL TRYOUT INFORMATION

Please contact your coach, listed below for specific tryout information. If it is listed as TBD, you may contact the Middle School Athletic Directors as follows:

7th Grade: Mr. Seislove at tseis@spring-ford.net

8th Grade: Mr. Harrison at rharr@spring-ford.net



SPECIFIC MIDDLE SCHOOL COACH CONTACT INFORMATION

2024-25	Last Name	First Name	Email
Cross Country-Boys' (7/8th Grade)	Karalius	Victoria	vkara@spring-ford.net
Cross Country-Girls' (7/8th Grade)	Short	Amy	ashor@spring-ford.net
Cheerleading Fall (8th Grade)	TBD		
Cheerleading Fall (7th Grade)	TBD		
Football Coach (8th Grade)	Souder	Ryan	rsoud@spring-ford.net
Football Coach (7th Grade)	Swier III	Robert	rswie@spring-ford.net
Field Hockey Coach (8th Grade)	Jacobs	Zoe	zjaco@spring-ford.net
Field Hockey Coach (7th Grade)	TBD		
Soccer Coach-Boys' (8th Grade)	TBD		
Soccer Coach-Boys' (7th Grade)	TBD		
Soccer Coach-Girls' (8th Grade)	Federman	Nina	nfede@spring-ford.net
Soccer Coach-Girls' (7th Grade)	Kershaw	Brandy	bkers@spring-ford.net
Volleyball Coach-Girls' (7/8th Grade)	TBD		
Volleyball Coach-Girls' (7/8th Grade)	Drummer	Gabrielle	gdrum@spring-ford.net

Please continue to check the web site for coaches listed as TBD, we will update as they are hired.

Once you complete the online registration and uploaded your physical, your coaches will be able to see that you have completed your registration and would like to tryout.

As a reminder, students cannot try out until their online registration is cleared. Please log into Student Central/Big Teams and check to be sure your student has been cleared for tryouts. A missed tryout opportunity may occur if the registration is not complete.

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.



Join the Booster Club-

Have you joined or renewed your membership yet for 2024-2025? Please join the Spring-Ford Booster Club. We support ALL sports grades 7-12 with the Athletic Awards Night, Scholarships, Championship Recognitions and more. Please become a Booster Club member today. The \$25 annual family membership helps us provide lasting memories for your athlete. We also have an alumni membership option as well! <https://www.sfboosterclub.net/membership> Membership for the new school year, 2024-2025 will be open starting July 1 at the same link.

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 5 Health History can be completed online, Section 6 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: SMITMIC000@rams.spring-ford.net).
- The initial password to your student account is “bigteams” it is all one word and all lower-case letters.
- To LINK Accounts the student account is created using the students email and it is case sensitive. Be sure you enter (example: MMCDAMIC00@rams.spring-ford.net), the initial password is “bigteams” all one word and lowercase.
- 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
- ** If you registered last year, the system will save your link and contact information. if you don't know your password contact Big teams to reset.

Please make sure your contact emails are correct in skyward. Communication goes out through your skyward email.



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 6 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 May 1, 2024 and uploaded to your Student Central account. Any physicals dated before that date cannot be accepted.
 3. Registration completed late may result in a missed tryout opportunity.
 4. ** As a reminder we create accounts for each student!
- Where do I turn my forms in to?
 - Forms are no longer turned in, you will need to upload your forms to your Student Central/Big Teams 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.

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

The athletic office communications are sent through your skyward email.

Happy Summer!