

To: Parents of the Athletic Program

From: Krishna Ramalingam

Re: 2025-2026 Athletic Program

Date: Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

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 27th** and ends on **Super Bowl Friday, November 7th** (the EI Soccer Championship will be held on Thursday, November 6th). 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.

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 10th. 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 6th through Thursday, April 26th, 2026**. 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 2nd, 2026 through Wednesday, June 10th, 2026**. Proper gear to pack includes: tennis shoes, cleats, baseball glove, and team cap.

Important Athletic Program Dates for 2025-2026

PLEASE POST THIS ON YOUR FRIDGE

Wednesday, August 27th, 2025: First day of practice for flag football season

Thursday, September 4th, 2025: First game of the 2024 Ramalynn Football League Season

Monday, October 6th, 2025: Football Playoffs Begin

Monday, October 6th, 2025: Hockey Season Begins at Ramalynn during inclement football days and continues at the Armory on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 17th, 2025. Our first day at the Armory is **November 10th**

Friday, November 7th, 2025: Ramalynn Super Bowl XXXIV at 3:15pm

Early November 2025: Summer and Fall Awards Day in the Cultural Center at RMA at 3pm

November 12th-25th 2025: Hockey World Championships Mini-Tournament in Sports Room

December 15th-19th, 2025: NCAA Hockey Mini-Tournament in Sports Room

Monday, February 2nd, 2026: Hockey Playoffs Begin

Monday, March 2nd, 2026: Baseball Begins (Weather Permitting and on non-Stanley Cup days)

March 4th-6th, 2026: Ramalynn Mini-State Hockey Tournament

April 13th-23rd, 2026: 2026 Ramalynn Stanley Cup Finals

Mid May, 2026: Hockey Awards Day in the Cultural Center at RMA at 3pm

June 1st-10th 2026: 2026 Ramalynn World Series

Last Day of School: 2026 Sports Program Sleepover

Ramalynn Athletic Program Fees

The ***Ramalynn Athletic Fee*** will be **\$90.00**. This should not be confused with the activity fee you paid in August. The athletic fee covers a portion of the cost of

renting the Armory and also goes towards the cost of painting the field for football as well as other equipment needed throughout the year. Please have the Athletic Fee in by **September 6th**

The 2025-26 **Jersey Fee** is **\$30.00** and goes towards new jerseys. Please have this fee in by **September 13th**.

The 2025 Ramalynn Fall & Summer Sports Awards Night will be held in early November. We will hand out trophies and awards for this past football season as well as the summer of 2023's baseball, soccer and golf seasons. The cost of this event is **\$45.00** and is due on awards night.

The 2026 Ramalynn Hockey Awards Night will take place in mid-May. The cost of this event is **\$45.00** and covers a yearbook in addition to hockey trophies and awards.

The 2026 Ramalynn Sports Program Sleepover will take place ***on the last day of school*** at Ramalynn. Sleepover check-in is 6pm on Wednesday and pick up is 8am, or earlier, on Thursday morning. The cost of this event is **\$55.00** per player and covers dinner, snacks, breakfast and pop/beverages for the entire night!

You can pay each of these as they come up or you can make one payment of **\$265**. **Feel free to write a check to Ramalynn or Venmo your payment to @Krishna-Ramalingam**