

Hello Parents of Credo students,

We are excited to be working on plans for the fall season of high school athletics!! In light of the past two years, this is not something that we take for granted anymore. Rather, we acknowledge that these opportunities are something special that we can respond to with thankfulness.

I like to send an email home to parents before the school year starts with information about athletics. Your child, especially if he or she is the oldest in the family, may be confused about how things work. The first few days at school are a whirlwind of information, so hopefully this will be helpful to you.

Our athletic handbook is posted on the CCHS website on the Athletics page. In it you will be able to find information about our athletics philosophy, details about student and parent expectations, details about playing time etc. You can also find information about athletics fees in the handbook. This email will not cover those topics, but just touch on the sign-up and tryout process.

Sign-ups: Students will have the opportunity to put their name on a paper to sign up for a team. These sign ups will happen at lunchtime in the front foyer on Sept 6 and 7. If they miss this announcement, they may still attend a tryout. Our signups are just to give an indication to coaches of how many students to plan for.

Tryouts: There will be two tryouts to attend. See below for dates.

Junior Boys Soccer - coached by Henk Timmerman

Tryouts on Tuesday Sept 13 and Wednesday Sept 14 (3:00-5:00pm)

Senior Boys Soccer - coached by Tom Vanderhorst

Tryouts on Wednesday Sept 7 and Monday Sept 12 (3:00-5:00pm)

Junior Boys Volleyball - coached by Luke Doorten, Liam VanRhee, Nate VanOene

Tryouts on Thursday Sept 8 and Monday Sept 12 (3:00-5:00pm)

Junior Girls Volleyball - coached by Deanna VanDyke, Megan Admiral

Tryouts on Wednesday Sept 7 and Tuesday Sept 13 (3:00-5:00pm)

Senior Boys Volleyball - coached by Ethan Sikma, Eric Sikma

Tryouts on Thursday Sept 8 and Tuesday Sept 13 (5:00-7:00pm)

Senior Girls Volleyball - coached by Connor Pruum, Raina Louwerse

Tryouts on Wednesday Sept 7 and Monday Sept 12 (5:00-7:00pm)

Cross Country Running - coached by Ang DeHaan

No tryouts! Practices on Thursday Sept 8 and Thursday Sept 15 (3:00-4:30)

Students who are on a sports team may also participate in cross country running (as their schedule allows).

This is an excellent way to improve your cardio and running skills!

Outdoors Club - coached Burke Vanderhorst - Students in grades 11 and 12 who are not currently on a sports team are eligible to sign up. Students will attend a day hike and will also prepare for an overnight hike in late September. A handout with more information will be prepared for interested students.

One item to note is that we have the expectation that athletes of sports teams will volunteer their time in the program. We need help, specifically, in the areas of officiating, scorekeeping and lines keeping. Some years we struggle to find enough helpers. We feel that students who are receiving the benefits of participating in the athletics program can also be the ones to give back by helping in these areas. We will equip the students to help in these roles with some training from the Athletic Coordination Team. The expectation will be for approximately a two hour volunteer commitment one time during the sports season (many athletes volunteer many more hours than this).

Parents should also be aware that we rely heavily on parent drivers for athletics. There is a good chance that your child's coach will contact you asking for you to take a turn driving the team around!

Hopefully that clarifies a few things for you! If your child is successful in securing a spot on a team, you will receive more details at that time. Much of the information about practice times and game schedules will be available shortly on the Credo website.

In the meantime, if you have questions that need to be answered sooner, don't hesitate to email me at s.stam@credochs.com

These fall sports will run until sometime around the beginning of November. In mid-November, we will begin the winter sports which includes basketball for both boys and girls. In the spring time we will offer badminton, track and field and also soccer for girls.

While I am excited about the opportunities for athletics at Credo, I should mention that these extra-curricular offerings are entirely voluntary! Getting involved in the athletics program can be a very fun experience. However, there is no expectation that students need to try out for anything at all. All students are very welcome to participate simply as spectators. Home games are fun to attend and can be great community bonding events for students and parents to enjoy! Keep an eye on the website and come out to cheer on Credo teams!

Thanks!

Shauna Stam