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Dear Student Athlete and Parents,

As the 2009-2010 school year quickly approaches, I would like to welcome you to our High School's Interscholastic Athletic Program. The high school sponsors athletic experiences in 31 sport programs, with most offering three levels of competition (Varsity, JV and Freshman). The intrinsic qualities of sports create a strong learning dynamic that complements the academic program. I trust the following information will be helpful for you during the course of the school year.

High School Athletic Web Site - www.wtps.org/wths/athletic/index.html

Student-Athlete Physicals - A student athlete is required to have a current physical performed by their family physician each year. Participation forms are available in the high school athletic office or can be found on the high school athletic web site.

Physical due dates:

Fall	-	August 1st
Winter	-	November 1 st
Spring	-	February 1 st

Team Athletic Schedules - Available on the athletic web site.

High School Directory - Directions to opposing schools are available by clicking on the school name listed on the schedule.

Parent/Coach Communication - Parents are encouraged to attend their child's sport Pre-season meeting. If a parent/student athlete has a concern during the season, they should speak to the coach first. The Athletic office is always available to speak with a parent/student athlete but communication with the coach first will always be recommended.

Student – Athlete Drug Testing – Student Athlete drug testing of all WTHS student athletes will continue according to BOE Policy/Regulations. In addition to our District's random testing, the State Athletic Association (NJSIAA) will randomly test student athletes at State Championship tournaments. You must sign a permission form prior to the start of the sport season.

Classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013 – Student Athlete Academic Eligibility – The classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013 are required to pass 15 credits of first semester subjects to play a spring sport. The classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013 will need 30 credits passed to be eligible in 2010-2011.

The athletic programs at WTHS will always strive to make the athletic experience a positive one for our student-athlete and community. Please join us this year in promoting positive sportsmanship at all athletic events. All the best for a great 2009-2010 school year.

Sincerely,

Kevin P. Murphy
Director of Athletics