

## **BUNKER HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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"Bulldog...It's more than our mascot; it's our character"

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Dear Bulldog Families,

I apologize for yet another survey. However, with the trajectory of the spread of the virus trending down, schools are starting to explore the possibilities of having spring/winter sports as well as other activities. With that being said, that opens the door to assess our community's desire to run these sports.

Currently, the middle school sports that are available are wrestling and basketball. Today each middle school principal met with the athletic director for TWP Schools as well as the superintendent. We all outlined our concerns regarding the spread of the virus, contact tracing, symptom checks, etc. Based on knowledge from the fall sports and the various procedures that could be put in place to mitigate risks, it is possible we could offer both sports.

You need to know that each student needs athletic participant paperwork that includes a sports physical. That has to be verified by both the school nurse and the district physician and on file prior to your child participating even for practice or tryouts. You can access that information at <a href="https://www.wtps.org/Page/381">https://www.wtps.org/Page/381</a>. Physicals are good for one calendar year.

The tentative plan if there is enough interest is to begin the wrestling season on March 8, 2021 and the basketball season on or after April 1, 2021.

Next is a survey (<u>Wrestling Interest Survey</u>) from Mr. Falzone, the head coach for middle school wrestling. His survey asks about your student's interest in wrestling and ability to have transportation as buses <u>will not be provided</u> to transport students to practice and/or matches. Please click on the link to inform us of your interest if you currently wrestle or interested in beginning wrestling. If your child has no desire to be a wrestler, you need not fill out the survey.

With regard to basketball, we are looking to garner interest for that as well. Like wrestling, that also requires a medical physical paperwork, but unlike wrestling depending on who comes out for the team, it is possible that we would have tryouts as we can only have a set number of students participate. If you are interested in trying out for basketball please email the following people about your interest in trying out.

Girls' Basketball

- Ms. Megan Heston <u>mheston@wtps.org</u>
- Ms. Maria Meo <u>mmeo@wtps.org</u>

Boys' Basketball

- Mrs. Debbie DiJohn ddijohn@wtps.org

Hope all have a great rest of the week.

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Mike D'Ostilio