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Dear Tiger Families,

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The purpose of this letter is to provide you with follow up information regarding the Fall 2020 Interscholastic Athletics Season grades 7-12. As you know, the fall start date has been delayed until September 21<sup>st</sup> as per the NYS Department of Health and the "NYSPHSAA Pause". This date is contingent upon approval from state officials.

As of today, state officials have not provided authorization for interscholastic athletics to resume. I do however anticipate hearing an update from the NYS Governor next week. If necessary, I will provide an additional update.

The original date for Fall Sport Registration via Family ID was set to begin on August 22<sup>nd</sup> with an end date of September 12<sup>th</sup>

**As a result, our online registration on Family ID for the fall season for Varsity, JV, and modified is delayed until further guidance becomes available.**

NYSPHSAA has presented a tentative "condensed" season plan where all three seasons may occur later in the school year beginning in January 2021, with the stipulated dates being tentative. This may also include the middle school. Section One athletics is considering this "condensed" season plans below that are contingent upon the fall season:

**Season I (Winter Sports) Dates: Jan. 4-Mar. 13 (Week 27-36) 10 Weeks**

\*Note: tentative dates Sports: basketball (girls & boys), bowling (girls & boys), ice hockey (girls & boys), indoor track & field (girls & boys), skiing (girls & boys), swimming (boys), and \*wrestling. \* Because of high the risk nature of wrestling, this sport may be moved to Season II or season III.

**Season II (Fall Sports) Dates: Mar. 1-May 8 (Week 35-44) 10 Weeks**

\*Note: tentative dates Sports: cross country (girls & boys), field hockey, soccer (girls & boys), swimming (girls), volleyball (girls). Note: Weather will have an impact upon outdoor sports in some parts of the state in March and potentially early April. Girls Tennis moved to Season III.

**Season III (Spring Sports) Dates: Apr. 5-Jun. 12 (Week 40-49) 10 Weeks**

\*Note: tentative dates Sports: baseball, softball, golf (girls & boys), lacrosse (girls & boys), tennis (girls & boys), outdoor track & field (girls & boys),

We are hopeful and encouraged for all three seasons for our student athletes. Once a season plan has been determined, you will be notified.

We have been working on practice plans that align to current guidance from the New York State Education Department, the CDC and the Department of Health. At this time, our facilities continue to be closed for any organized activity. Despite this pause in the athletics, we must focus on getting our students the best educational opportunities available. Our community plays a role in bringing athletics back as soon as possible. Please continue to follow current practices to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing
- Wash your hands

We would like to thank the New York State Public High School Athletics Association, led by Executive Director Dr. Robert Zayas and the COVID 19 task force for their leadership in developing these plans. These are unprecedented times and it remains vitally important that we work to provide every opportunity to our students and do so in a safe manner.

We will share new information when it becomes available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: (914-669-5414 x 2101) or [dkiernan@northsalemschools.org](mailto:dkiernan@northsalemschools.org)

As always, thank you for your support of our athletic program and our entire school community.

Stay healthy, stay safe, stay strong!

Sincerely,

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