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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. This morning Section One adopted the Fall 2020 season start date for Low Risk Sports on September 29th for Varsity and JV Sports Only. Modified Sports according to Section One is under review. See attached press release from Section One.

The date for Fall Sport Registration (Cross Country, Field Hockey, Boys and Girls Soccer and Girls Tennis) via Family ID is set to begin on September 5th with an end date of September 19th for Varsity and JV sports only at this time. Modified sports is TBD. Please visit the athletics website for registration information.

Section One has approved the following:

The High School Sports of cross country, field hockey, boys and girls soccer, and girls tennis are permitted to begin on Tuesday, September 29th. No open workouts or practices are permitted prior to this date.

The Section One Modified Committee will continue to meet to evaluate the status of modified sports for the fall season.

As per the DOH guidelines, the sport of volleyball is classified as high risk. As a result, the Section One Executive Committee has determined the following:

High Risk Fall sports and their ability to practice will be reviewed as soon as new information becomes available from NYSPHSAA and State officials. (I anticipate this occurring tomorrow).

Should a decision regarding competitions for high risk sports (volleyball) not be announced by state officials, Section One will consider moving to a condensed season model to afford the ability for those high risk sports to have competitions. The condensed season model is yet to be determined by Section One.

Please note: Swimming is not available at this time. Section One continues to gather data pertaining to the pool/facility availability through the region.

We are working on practice plans that align to current guidance from the New York State Education Department, the CDC and the Department of Health as well as the NYSPHSAA Return to Play Guidelines.

We continue to focus on providing our student athletes the best educational opportunities available. Our community plays a role in sustaining an athletics program. Please continue to follow current practices to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

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

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

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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