

Physical Education & Winter Athletics

Belmont School Committee
12/8/2020

Update: Interim Athletic Director (AD)

- Prior to his leave, Jim Davis took care of important responsibilities:
 - Scheduling
 - Bus Transportation
 - Gym reservations
- Jim will return on 3/2/2021
- There are still many tasks to complete prior to Winter Sports season
- On 12/4/2020 Matt Ruane was appointed *interim* AD
 - Also a School Counselor at BHS, which he will continue
- Matt will be responsible for Winter Sports season, as well as “Fall II” season in February and March

Update: Interim Lead Wellness Teachers

- Jim also serves as the Director of Physical Education
- On 12/4/2020 three PE teachers were appointed as “lead” teachers
 - Ted Trodden: K-4
 - Dena Cocchiola: 5-8
 - Stacie Marino: 9-12
- This will ensure there is no break in curriculum development, PD, or program oversight

Update: Winter Sports Season

- 11/20/2020: MIAA COVID-19 Task Force presented winter sport modifications and recommendations. MIAA Board of Directors approved them.
 - Updated [Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs \(EEA\)](#) guidance and current DESE guidelines were reviewed
- MIAA's mission: 1. Promoting participation opportunities, 2. Promoting health and safety of participants
- Highlights include:
 - Phase I: Practices/Tryouts start December 14, 2020, Phase II: Games start January 4, 2020
 - [Basketball](#), [Ice Hockey](#), and [Alpine Skiing](#)*** will take place, with modifications
 - Modifications for [Wrestling](#), Indoor Track, and winter Cheerleading not created, and will be moved to a different sport season
 - Most games will be held on weekends
 - MIAA is considering a “no spectators” policy for winter games; ML12 needs to discuss more.

Update: Winter Season Logistics

- Before any season an e-mail goes out to parents/guardians; delayed waiting for the MIAA vote on winter sports
 - Contains four athletic forms to be completed and submitted electronically, including MIAA chemical health/parental permission
- Please be on the lookout for forthcoming information from Interim AD Matt Ruane and/or secretary Noreen Duggan in the coming days
 - Physicals: Students with expired physicals cannot participate; please schedule a physical examination as soon as possible
 - Boston students' participation: Any BPS Boston residents will be able to participate in BHS athletics

Update: Fees & Fee Waivers

- 12/8/2020 SC Finance Committee Meeting
 - 1st sport: \$325
 - 2nd sport: \$220
- As with fall athletics, once a season starts fees are non-refundable
- Fee waivers are available based on financial circumstances
 - Amount is determined by the previously set fee waiver scale
 - We will begin processing fee waivers after tonight's vote, if necessary; the online fee payment system for winter sports will open tomorrow.