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Email Subject: WMA - Fall Sports 2020

Dear Parent:

We are excited to announce the formation of Waldron Mercy Academy Virtual Sports! We have been meeting all summer long preparing for a variety of different scenarios. Earlier this month, the Catholic Academy League met to discuss the future of sports for this upcoming school year and announced the following:

*At a meeting of the Catholic Academies League Heads of School on August 6, and in response to the Governor's recommendations earlier that day, the Heads voted unanimously to suspend all interscholastic sports at least until January 1, 2021.*

*We will explore this fall options for winter and spring sports, and expect to make a decision about them by December 1.*

This announcement allows us the opportunity to conduct sports with an entirely new and exciting approach that will challenge and motivate all of our student athletes. Our coaches will continue to foster the competitive spirit in our students while providing an outlet to connect as teammates. We also think it presents a unique opportunity for all of our student athletes to learn and improve individually. The following are some FAQs about the program, which will also be posted on the [athletics page](#) of our website.

### **Who can participate in WMA Virtual Sports?**

Waldron students in grades 1-8 can participate, depending on the sport:

- Cross Country- grades 1-8
- Instructional Field Hockey- grades 2-4
- Football- grades 4-8
- Co-ed Soccer- grades 5-8
- Field Hockey- grades- 5-8
- Volleyball- grades 6-8

### **When will WMA Virtual Sports begin?**

Our goal is to first comfortably acclimate our students to our new classroom setting and then Virtual Sports will begin on Monday, September 28.

### **Where will WMA Virtual Sports take place?**

In the comfort of your own home or backyard.

**Why are we moving WMA sports online?**

As educators, we recognize the importance of learning outside of the classroom. Our coaches recognize the importance of creating strong connections with our students and how important it is for them to have an outlet to express themselves physically and emotionally. They will be working with students and designing these programs to aid students in progressing their own knowledge of the game, increase their skill level, improve their fitness and connect with their friends and teammates.

Every student is welcome regardless of skill level, and our most important goal is to have fun. Waldron's Virtual Sports also provide the great opportunity to make new friends. Coaches will spend time each session in team building activities to encourage and foster new relationships, so come on out and give it a try!

Our Virtual Sports will be offered at a reduced rate. Look forward to additional information about weekly schedules, times, coaches, and costs on our athletics page. We will send an email when registration opens.

We will continue working closely with the Catholic Academy League and our local CYO to ensure our student athletes are participating fully in available athletic opportunities.

The coaches and I are excited to work with our students to engage, celebrate and champion our student-athletes while strengthening our teams.

Go Tigers!

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