

AVE MARIA ACADEMY ATHLETICS

WEEKLY SIDELINE REPORT

November 5, 2020

IMPORTANT WINTER SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENT!

- ❖ The Diocese held a meeting with elementary school Principals and Athletic Directors on Thursday, November 4, 2020 and announced the **postponement to the start of the elementary school Winter sports season until early January.**
- ❖ The stated reason for the delay relates to the current increase in COVID-19 cases and the potential impact of the holiday season further increasing those cases.
- ❖ Why is the WPIAL allowed to take part in interscholastic sporting events and we aren't?
 - The WPIAL represents high school teams (grades 9-12). If schools are forced to move to remote learning due to increased cases of COVID-19, high school students are able to learn remotely with minimal parental supervision. We are an elementary school, which would require parents to oversee remote learning and potentially have a negative impact on working parents. By delaying winter sports, the hope is we will **continue to keep our children in school fulltime.**

❖ WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR AMA WINTER SPORTS?

- For boys' basketball, this amounts to a **1 to 2-week delay** to the start of league section play.
- For girls' basketball, this amounts to a **4 to 5-week delay** since the girls normally started section play in early December.
- Both leagues will play a full season and end in late March.
- We will continue to hold intramural practices and events for 3-8 Basketball, Cheer, Little Dribblers and Little Peps, but there will be no interscholastic events (tournaments and scrimmages with teams outside Ave Maria Academy) until January.
- The AMAAA has new uniforms ordered and plans to have student-athletes play scrimmage games & cheer in their uniforms and allow families to attend (up to the health & safety capacity maximums of both gym)
- Our Fall Harvest Basketball Tournament that was due to start next weekend (11/12-11/15) is unfortunately canceled.
- ❖ The Diocese has promised to supply more details in the next few days and we will pass that along as soon as it's available.

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDER!

- ❖ Please ensure your children are wearing a mask:
 - Entering & leaving practice/game/match
 - During any downtime during practice/game/match
 - Entire practice time for Little Dribblers & Little Peps
 - Walking to and from bathroom and/or drink breaks
- ❖ Our AMA coaches will be helping to reinforce our mask policy

DIOCESAN FOOTBALL

- ❖ The South Hills Chargers JV Football team won the Diocesan Championship game this past Sunday vs. Erie Catholic!
- ❖ **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMA PLAYERS & HEAD COACH!**
 - **JV Players:** Garrett Cramer, Paul Farnan, Logan Ferrand, Matthew Prince
 - **Head Coach:** Matt Cramer



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- ❖ Play-offs will begin next week!
 - Live-streaming updates will be sent to allow you to tune in and cheer on our Lady Royals!
 - Spectators are still welcome up to our gym capacity health & safety limits.
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OUR 3RD SPIRIT STORE WILL BE OPEN SOON!

- ❖ Through the generosity of our AMA community, we have raised over \$9k for our school in spirit-wear sales!
THANK YOU!
- ❖ Our next store will open in mid-November with delivery before Christmas. New items will be added so please stay tuned for updates!

LET'S GO ROYALS!

