



**AUGUST 27**

**2021**

## LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

- Girls Volleyball kicked off the fall season with a 3-match series at home on Thursday, August 26th.
- Cross Country will compete in its first meet on Saturday, August 28th
- Football (South Hills Chargers) has its first games on Sunday, September 5th
- Soccer games (grades 2-8) will begin on September 11th.
- The AMAAA calendar will be updated with all current sporting events as we receive information from coaches & leagues:
  - <https://www.avemariaaaa.org/>

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## SPIRIT WEAR

- Any spirit wear that was not picked up was taken to each campus's school office. The office staff is in the process of sending it home with your children over the next few school days.
- THANK YOU for your support of our AMA spirit wear sale- we were able to raise almost \$3K for athletics!
- We will be hosting another full spirit wear store in October and may have some sport-specific stores in September.

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## 2021-2022 UPDATES

- Guidelines have improved from last year! The following are no longer in effect:
  - Temperature checks, COVID waivers, Gathering limits.
- Come out and watch an AMA game/match/meet, even if your kids aren't playing in it -- it's a great way to support AMA, meet people, and have fun!

### AMAAA Health & Safety Guidelines - Fall Sports 2021

As of August 2021, we have a universal mask requirement indoors for athletes, coaches, referees, volunteers & spectators. Sports may continue following the local PIAA regulations and Diocesan protocols in the case of high schools, and Diocesan health and safety protocols in the case of intramural and middle school athletics.

- Face masks must be worn properly (covering nose and mouth and always fitted snugly against the sides of the individual's face). This is in effect for indoor games/matches, practices/open gyms.
  - Currently, masks are optional outdoors. Masks should be worn in crowded outdoor settings when there is sustained close contact.
  - Individuals not in compliance with our universal mask requirement will not be permitted in school buildings.
  - Exemptions for the face mask requirement will be granted to those who provide documentation from the individual's treating physician (PCP or Specialist) indicating the individual is under the physician's care and cannot wear a face mask due to a specified medical condition. Documentation must be presented to the AMAAA Athletic Director or Coach.
  - Currently, CDC guidelines do not require masks to be worn while *actively playing* sports if the individual is fully vaccinated.
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## COACHES & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Winter Coaches:
  - All levels of Girls/Boys Basketball (K-8)
  - Please contact Athletic Director, Matt Hazel @ [matthew.hazel@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:matthew.hazel@pittsburghpa.gov) for more information
- Volunteers:
  - Needed for all home matches/meets/games.
  - Team Parent Representative for each team will be sending a Signup Genius for assistance with filling various roles:
    - Admissions, Concessions, Line-Judge, Clock, Score Book, Gym/bleacher cleaning after home games/matches
  - If each parent volunteers once, we should be able to cover all of our home games/matches/meets.
  - Admission and concession money helps to pay the referees and purchase any needed equipment/supplies for our programs.
    - Please complete your clearances so you will be able to support our AMA athletics!

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## THANK YOU, FR. MARK & JOCK JANASZECK!

- Fr. Mark has been instrumental in the upgrades to our gym, including initiating the resurfacing of the gym floor and funding a large portion of the cost, as well as overseeing the installation of our new monitor in the gym so we may promote our sponsors and aid in any assemblies.
  - Jock works countless hours in helping to ensure our school and gym look amazing! His previous background on the STM athletic board is such a blessing in helping to manage our AMA sports!
  - Please thank Fr. Mark and Jock when you see them!
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