

July 25, 2018

Dear Parent

This letter is to keep you informed of our high school and junior high sports requirements. If your son or daughter is planning on participating in any athletic activity for Chinook schools during the 2018-19 year, please carefully read this letter. **A physical and the concussion information must be handed in BEFORE the first practice.** Concussion information, physical information and current athletic schedules and practice times will be posted on the school website. <http://chinookschools.org/high-school/athletics-sports/> . Please note that activity ticket and participation fees have increased by \$5. (Student Activity Ticket = \$35, Participation fees = \$25)

PRACTICE TIMES:

Football - high school	Friday August 10	7:00 am and 7:00 pm
Football - Junior high	Monday August 13	TBA (FB field)
Volleyball – high school	Friday Aug. 10	6:00 pm (HS gym)
Volleyball – Junior High	Monday August 13	TBA (HS gym)
Cheerleading – high school	Monday August 13	8:00 am (auditorium)

- ◆ **Pre-season/meeting** please note that there will be an informational meeting and paperwork signing extravaganza for JH and HS parents and athletes on **Monday Aug. 13 at 7:00 pm** in the HS auditorium. I strongly encourage all parents and athletes to attend. All additional paperwork and fees can be handled at that time.
- ◆ **High School Football** practices twice per day. Practice on the first day will be at **7:00 am**, second practice time will be 7:00 pm. These times could be subject to change throughout the rest of the week depending on the coaches' schedules
- ◆ **Junior High Football (6th-8th grade)** practices once per day. Practice time for the first day will be announced on the school website .
- ◆ **High School Volleyball** practices vary – 1st practice Friday August 10 – 6:00 pm. 2nd practice Saturday August 11 9:00 am. Starting Monday August 13 they will practice twice a day times will be announced. All practices will be held at the high school gym. These times could be subject to change throughout the rest of the week depending on the coach's schedules.
- ◆ **Junior High Volleyball (7th-8th grade)** practices once per day in the high school gym. Practice times for the first day will be announced on the school website
- ◆ **High School Cheerleading** Practice will start August 13 at 8:00am in the high school Auditorium.

It is very important that your son/daughter is ready to begin practice on the first practice date as each high school athlete must have 10 days of practices for volleyball, cheerleading and football before they can compete in the first contest.

In addition, please note the following, all incoming athletes to our high school and junior high sports programs, must have the following:

- ◆ Sports physical turned into the coach on the MHSA form. (THIS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THEY CAN PRACTICE). Forms are available at the high school office, school website or Sweet Medical Center. ***Note – please remember to sign the back of the physical form. They will be returned to you if this is not done.*
- ◆ Concussion Form. (THIS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THEY CAN PRACTICE) Because of the passage of the Dylan Steiger’s Protection of Youth Athletes Act, schools are required to distribute information sheets for the purpose of informing and education student-athletes and their parents of the nature and risk of concussion and head injury to student athlete, including the risks of continuing to play after concussion or head injury. Montana law requires that each year, before beginning practice for an organized activity, a student-athlete and the student-athlete’s parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must be given an information sheet, and both parties must sign and return a form acknowledging receipt of the information to an official designated by the school or school district prior to the student-athletes participation during the designated school year. The law further states that a student-athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in practice or game shall be removed from play at the time of injury and may not return to play until the student-athlete has received a written clearance from a licensed health care provider.
- ◆ **Academic eligibility**
 - In order to be academically eligible the student must have passed all subjects they were enrolled in from the previous **QUARTER**. For fall sports, please check your child’s 4th quarter report card from the 2017-18 school year.
- ◆ **Academic eligibility for 9th graders:** (Football/Volleyball/Cheerleading only)
 - Incoming 9th grade students who enter high school with failing grades from Junior high or another school will be placed on academic probation. They will be able to play immediately, but they must have passing grades at mid-quarter in order to continue.
- ◆ **Academic eligibility for 8th graders:**
 - In order to be academically eligible the student must have passed all subjects they were enrolled in from the previous **QUARTER**. For fall eligibility, please check your child’s 4th quarter report card from the 17-18 school year.
- ◆ **Academic eligibility for 6th and 7th graders:**
 - Academic eligibility for these two age groups for fall sports is based on their promotion into the next grade. After the first quarter, it is based on the previous quarter’s grades.

****As an additional note, we are still looking for one high school assistant and two junior high football coaches. If you would like to fill any of these roles, please contact Darin Hannum, Supt. as soon as possible.**

If you have any questions, or concern please contact Mike Jones (football), Paula Molyneaux (volleyball), Hope Hamilton (JH volleyball) Jerilyn Wood (cheerleading) or Paula Molyneaux (Athletic Director).

Sincerely

Paula Molyneaux, A. D.