



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Chicago Public Schools' Office of Sports Administration is pleased to open student registration for the CPS SCORE Program— the official interscholastic league play for CPS 5th – 8th grade athletics. *Registration forms to sign up by Friday, March 10, 2017 are included in this packet.* The spring sports offered are Boys and Girls Track and Field and Girls Soccer. Practices should occur 2 times per week at your child's school starting the week of April 3rd for Soccer and April 17th for Track and Field. The first Soccer game will occur on Saturday, April 22nd and the first Track and Field meet will occur on Saturday, May 30th; conference and regional assignment locations will be determined.

In order to increase athletic participation across the district, the program will follow an inclusive model. There will be no cuts or tryouts to join teams, but rather multiple teams will be established to accommodate student interest when deemed necessary and with approval from the principal.

The CPS SCORE Program will use a conference/region structure to foster a sense of community between elementary schools that are geographically near one another. Games/meets will take place on weekends with the hope that it will be easier for family and friends to transport children, attend games and take part in game day activities. Most games/meets will be hosted by neighborhood high schools, Chicago Park District sites, and stadiums. This model provides students and families an opportunity to get to know their neighborhood schools and ease the elementary to high school transition.

To help deliver the expanded program, CPS is partnering with the Chicago Park District. The Chicago Park District will provide staff to coach teams and officiate contests. The Park District will also provide additional facilities to accommodate the anticipated volume of students and program size.

As always, parents and guardians are encouraged to get involved in the program. Information enclosed will include the process to become a coach and/or game day volunteer (e.g., timekeeper).

Enclosed in this packet, you will find the following forms and information:

- Student Information Form
- Consent and Release Form
- CPS SCORE Program Overview
- Important Dates for Spring 2017

Please review the packet carefully. If you choose to register your student, fill out the two forms completely and accurately. Registration and consent forms must be received by your child's school **no later than Friday March 10, 2017** if your child wants to participate in spring sports. Following registration, more detailed information will be sent home including instructions for getting involved as a coach or game day staff, game/practice schedules, team rosters, and your child's coach's contact information. If you have any questions, please contact your school's Elementary School Liaison, _____ at _____.

For more information, please visit our website at www.cps.edu/cpscore for schedules, updates, contest location, and etc.

Sincerely,

Randy Ernst

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