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Athletic Department Report October 29, 2020

Fall Season

- High school practices for soccer, cross country, and fall cheer begin on the 8th of September and middle school / youth programs shortly after. With acknowledgement to the fact it is a small dataset we did experience a drop of participation by approximately 20% this season through all levels. This is not surprising given the current state of things and the new expectations of what school sponsored interscholastic sports would look like.
- A large amount of time was spent early this summer to source and procure the required PPE and accompanying equipment in the response of Covid-19. While much of our first and second orders from various vendors did not come we had backup plans in place and were covered day one with the required supplies for safety procedures to be in place.
- This fall all coaches were trained in safety precautions and in screening student athletes along with taking online education around Covid-19 and the normal coaching education.
- New coaches this season include Chuck Fenn & Jeremy Dube with the Varsity Boys Soccer Program, Henry Eaton with the Middle School Boys Soccer Team, and Cassey Robibero with the Middle School Girls Soccer Team.
- I want to commend all of our coaches, participants, and community that have made the fall season such a success to this point in our eyes.

Field Maintenance

- Field maintenance has been completed this summer with compost applied just before the season to sustain nutrition to the turf of the playing surfaces. In addition we had to slice seed the entire field surface to help eliminate much of the broad leaf grass moving in with increased heavy traffic and drought conditions.

Transportation

- Transportation has been very problematic this fall. Beyond the normal delayed departure times our current provider is strapped for drivers and we had a number of occurrences where they were unable to provide us with transportation. Working with another vendor we were able to obtain transportation for our student athletes in order for them to compete.

Northern Vermont Athletic Conference

- As many of you know we were accepted into the Northern Vermont Athletic Conference and this is the final year we will be on an independent schedule for Soccer and Basketball. League schedules are currently being formatted for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 cycles and the above mentioned transportation issues will not be possible to sustain in order have our student athletes safely arrive at games in time. Cross Country, Cheerleading, Baseball & Softball are all currently members of the Mountain Division of the NVAC affording us assigned schedules.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Powers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd Powers, Athletic Director