Dear Families,

As we prepare for the 2019-20 academic year, please keep in mind the following important dates for Athletics. All student-athletes will be expected to meet their commitments to their teams on the important dates listed below. Throughout the year, students with personal conflicts with athletic obligations are expected to discuss the conflict with the Dean of Students as far in advance as possible. The Deans’ Office, not individual coaches, is charged with the responsibility of addressing potential conflicts.

**FALL SEASON**

**Monday, August 19:** Early Return Football (boys)

**Sunday, August 25:** Early Return Cross Country (boys & girls), Field Hockey (girls), Soccer (boys & girls), Volleyball (girls), Tennis (girls)

**Friday, September 6 – Sunday, September 8**
Community Weekend - no overnight leaves or day leaves on Friday

**Friday, October 4**
Seminary Hill Cup at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School

**Friday, October 11 – Saturday, October 12**
Fall Family Weekend - athletic competitions will be held on Friday and Saturday

**Saturday, October 12 – Tuesday, October 15**
Fall Break - students may depart Saturday after final commitment; return by 3:00 p.m. Tuesday (ALL teams will hold afternoon practices)

**Friday, November 8 – Sunday, November 10**
Spirit Weekend
Episcopal v Woodberry Forest Football Game (at Episcopal High School) 2:00 p.m.

**WINTER SEASON**
Saturday, November 30
Thanksgiving Break Early Return for select varsity teams: Basketball (boys & girls), Wrestling
Return by 2:00 p.m. (Classes resume on December 3)
*All team members (except for team managers) are expected to attend

Friday, December 20 – Students may depart for Winter Break
* Boys’ varsity basketball, girls’ varsity basketball, and wrestling may compete on this date.
Please check with the head coach for each individual team regarding plans for each program.

Thursday, January 2
Winter Break Early Return for select varsity teams: Basketball (boys & girls), Wrestling
Return by 2:00 p.m. (Classes resume on January 6)
*All team members (except for team managers) are expected to attend

January 24-27
Mid-Winter Break. Classes end at 3:30 p.m.
No afternoon practices or games, with the following exceptions:
- Varsity girls’ and boys’ squash may compete in the Mid-Atlantic Squash Tournament this week
- Varsity boys’ basketball may compete in a competition this weekend
- Varsity Track & Field may compete in a competition this weekend (select student-athletes)

Monday, January 27 – Mandatory varsity team practices from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for boys’ and girls’ basketball, boys’ and girls’ squash, and wrestling. No lower level team practices.
*All team members (except for team managers) are expected to attend.
SPRING SEASON

SPRING BREAK

Various departures for off-campus Spring Break training trips for boys’ & girls’ lacrosse, baseball, and crew may be as early as Sunday, March 8, followed by on-campus training through traditional student return on Saturday, March 14.

There is no Early Return for boys’ varsity tennis, softball, golf, girls’ spring tennis, or outdoor track & field. Please contact Jen Fitzpatrick or Jim Fitzpatrick with any questions or concerns about spring break programming.

Friday, April 10
Good Friday - no afternoon athletic commitments

Monday, April 13
Mandatory varsity team practices from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (with the exception of spring girls’ tennis). No lower level team practices.
*All team members (except for team managers) are expected to attend.

Friday & Saturday, April 17-18
Spring Family Weekend (athletic competitions will be held on Friday and Saturday)

Please contact Director of Boys’ Athletics Jim Fitzpatrick (JFF@episcopalhighschool.org) or Director of Girls’ Athletics Jen Fitzpatrick (JSF@episcopalhighschool.org) with any questions or concerns.

Go Maroon!