



GUS SPORTS PAGE

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Sports Begins

The 2018-2019 Glen Urquhart Sports program has begun. Well... that is to say that we have met and the students have chosen their sport for the fall season, but with the high heat and humidity it was decided not to have the teams begin practicing. The teams will begin in earnest on Monday and all students should be fully prepared to begin.

This fall the seventh and eighth grades will have a boys' soccer team, girls' soccer team, and a coed cross country team. New this year, the sixth grade will be joined by the fifth grade to play soccer. The athletic schedule will soon be getting underway with games and meets beginning on Monday, September 17, NOT Tuesday, September 18 as originally scheduled. On that day the girls (4:15 p.m.) and boys (5:15p.m.) soccer teams will host the Lexington Waldorf Comets on Bartlett Field. Meanwhile, the cross country team will travel to Marblehead for a tri-meet with host Tower School Tigers and the Pike School. The schedule is on the GUS website and calendar. A fifth and sixth grade schedule will be developed in the coming weeks.

Boys Soccer – Sixteen boys chose to join the soccer team, and will be coached by Jeffrey Bartsch. This is the 8th year for Jeffrey at the helm of the boys program and he will have an assistant coach joining him very soon, once paper work has been filed.

Girls Soccer - Bruce Emerson returns to lead the girl's team and is welcoming 30 eager girls to this year's squad. Coach Emerson is looking into ways to create a plan to make the game day roster more manageable and ensure quality-playing time for each player. Stay tuned! Coach Emerson is also expecting an assistant to be joining him next week once things are finalized.

Cross Country – Amy Billings and Cori Russo will be coaching the Running Boars. This year they have had 15 runners join the squad, and they hope to continue the strong tradition this team has built over the years. They have a full schedule of meets, including the season-capping Jim Munn Invitational meet in Gloucester (Thursday, October 25) and the Massachusetts State Middle School Meet (November 3). GUS is a charter member of both the Jim Munn Invitational and the State Meet. The Jim Munn is scheduled on the same day as GUS conferences but we still plan to attend this meet with as many runners as we can—hopefully all of them. More on these meets as they draw closer.

Schedule Changes

It didn't take long to have our first schedule change of the season, and I am pretty sure there will be another down the road. **The confirmed changes are as follows.** All games and meets scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 have been moved to Monday, September 17. Same teams, same sites, same times, different day.

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Cross Country @Tower 3:30 moved to **Monday, Sept. 17 3:30**
Girls 7/8 soccer home vs. L. Waldorf moved to **Monday, Sept. 17 4:00**
Boys 7/8 soccer home vs. L. Waldorf moved to **Monday, Sept. 17 5:00**

Grades 5 + 6 – The sixth grade sports period has expanded to incorporate the fifth grade this year. Due to the oppressive weather this week we remained indoors but plan to be outside and “full speed ahead” beginning Monday. “Mr. E.” welcomed this eager group of fifth and sixth graders and was very pleased with the enthusiasm and energy on display. The grades will be going through drills, doing some scrimmaging, and working on conditioning. We hope to schedule a few games or two later in the fall with other schools. Details are being worked out, and will be announced as soon as possible. We plan to have an assistant joining Coach Emerson beginning Monday. Details to follow in next week’s Sports Page.

Expectations

All students are expected to be in attendance and prepared for all practices and games every day they are in school. Students are evaluated in sports based on their attendance, punctuality, preparedness, attitude, participation, and effort. If a student has a planned absence, the coach or athletic director needs to be informed in advance (at least the day before but hopefully earlier), otherwise it is considered unexcused.

Equipment, Lockers & Uniforms

All 7 + 8 graders playing soccer will need to have “GUS” game shorts. They will be used for all sports throughout the year with the exception of cross country and girls’ lacrosse and must be worn for all games. The shorts are black mesh and custom made with GUS imprinted on the leg. The cost of the shorts will be \$25.00, and they can be purchased from Bruce Emerson. Soccer players also need dark green soccer socks and are also available through Mr. Emerson for \$5.00. Game shirts will be distributed for each game and collected by the coach after each game.

Lockers

Each student has been assigned a locker in their respective locker room in Braemar. Many students will share a locker. It is each student’s responsibility to keep his or her locker space neat and clean. Each student should also have all of his or her belongings clearly labeled with his or her name. The best thing to do is have a duffle bag to put all your belongings in—then simply put the bag in your locker.

Next Week

Mon. September 10	Regular practice day
Tues. September 11	Regular practice day
Wed. September 12	Regular practice day
Thurs. September 13	Camp Winaukee Trip

GSP Notes: We recommend that each student athlete bring a water bottle to practice each day. There is a water fountain on the field but it will be much more convenient if everyone has his or her own water bottle. Please label all water bottles and equipment clearly with names. Many belongings are left behind, on the field after practice, and finding the owner is much easier when a name is present on things. Thank you!