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Soccer Teams Debut Monday

On Monday both the boy's and girl's soccer teams will take the field for the first time when they host the Lexington Waldorf Comets for a pair of games on Bartlett Field. The girls will kick off the season with a 4:00 start and the boy's game will follow at about 5:00. The 2018 edition of Boar soccer teams have had very limited practice time so far so it will be a good experience and measuring stick for each team as they move forward. The teams had a few practices this past week before the trip to Winaukee, and they are looking forward to getting into game action.

Each member of the boys and girls 7th & 8th grade teams must have GUS game shorts. The cost of the shorts is \$25.00 and the shorts will be used for soccer, basketball and boys lacrosse. The shorts are theirs to keep and use during their time at GUS. They are black mesh and have GUS imprinted on the left leg. All soccer players will receive their shorts on Monday for the games. Soccer players must also have dark green soccer socks. Both shorts and socks should be purchased from Mr. Emerson. The socks cost \$5.00. Students needing the shorts should bring either cash or check (Payable to GUS) during the upcoming week.

GUS Welcomes Two New Soccer Coaches

Last Monday we welcomed two new soccer coaches to the GUS coaching staff.

Summer Burroughs will be assisting Bruce Emerson with both the fifth and sixth grade group and also with the seventh and eighth grade girl's team. Summer is a graduate of Manchester-Essex High School where she was a four year varsity soccer who captained the team her senior year. She received the "Unsung Hero Award" her senior year as well. Summer was an honor student and was a M-E representative for the Massachusetts Girls State Award. Summer also played several years of club soccer and has worked at several clinics. While taking a gap year before heading to college Summer will be coaching with us for the fall, doing other volunteer work and will taking a service trip in the spring. Summer's younger sister Faith is a GUS graduate '17.

Leo DesBois GUS '03 has come aboard to assist Jeffrey Bartsch with the boy's soccer team. Leo entered GUS as a sixth grader in the fall of 2000 and left a real positive impression on all who worked with him. Leo was also a member of the undefeated and untied boys soccer team in the fall of 2002. From GUS Leo went on to the Belmont Hill School where he graduated *summa cum laude* in 2007. While at Belmont Hill Leo was a team captain, an All ISL Honorable Mention player, Sportsmanship Award winner, and he received the Senior Award for "Qualities of unselfish conduct, leadership and Integrity. After Belmont Hill Leo went on the Middlebury College where he graduated *magna cum Laude* with a BA in Philosophy. Leo also played Club Soccer at Middlebury and has coached youth club soccer.

Cross Country Season Begins Monday

The 2018 GUS cross country team will also begin their season on Monday when they travel to Marblehead to run with host Tower and Pike. Coaches Amy Billings and Cori Russo have 15 eager young runners preparing to hit the trails. They have been extremely pleased with the early training and feel that the group is in good shape with their training for this early in the season. Monday will be a tough test and good measuring stick for the team. The course at Tower starts and ends on a trail just across the street from the main entrance to the school. For those not familiar with cross country the teams will walk the course first to know where they are going and to understand the course, then once warmed up the race will begin. A typical middle school course is about 1.5-1.8 miles long.

5th + 6th Grades Looking Good

Coaches Bruce Emerson and Summer Burroughs have been pleased with what they have seen from the Classes of 2021 and 2022 in the brief time we have seen them on the field. The group has been eager and energetic on the field, and they have shown a good positive attitude. The group has been working on some different drills, and they will soon put the drill work into some scrimmages.

Game Day Procedures

We travel to and from all of our away games and meets by chartered school bus. If a student is going to go home directly from an away game with a parent, the parent must sign the student out. The coach will have a sheet to be signed. Each student will be given a game shirt for their game and they must return it to the coach after the game. In the event a game needs to be cancelled due to weather, a decision is usually made no later than 1:00 PM. An email will be sent home to all families involved. It's a good idea for all athletes to bring a water bottle with them to games and meets. We will provide water as well. An extra snack for game days is always a good idea, especially if it is a long bus ride, however there is no eating allowed on school busses.

Schedule Changes

We have had some schedule changes, they seem inevitable each season, as follows.

Girl's and Boy's 7th & 8th grade soccer games originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 are now on Monday, September 17. Girls 4:00, Boys 5:00 home vs. Lexington Waldorf.

The Cross country meet originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 @Tower will now be Monday, September 17.

The boys and girls soccer games originally scheduled with Brookwood on Monday, October 22 have been moved to Monday, October 29. Boys @Brookwood 3:30, Girls home vs. Brookwood 3:30.

An updated schedule has been included with this Sports Page.

Next Week

Mon. September 17	Cross Country @Tower 3:30, return to GUS 5:30 Girls 7/8 Soccer home vs. Lexington Waldorf 4:00 Boys 7/8 soccer home vs. Lexington Waldorf 5:00
Tues. September 18	Regular practice day.
Wed. September 19	Regular practice day.
Thurs. September 20	Regular practice day

GSP Notes: Monday's soccer games will start a little later than usual to accommodate Lexington Waldorf as they travel up route 128. With that in mind it would be a good idea for all players to have an extra snack... The cross country runners would also benefit from some afternoon energy.... All athletes will be given a game/meet uniform shirt for the game, which will be collected after the game by the coach.