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HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Dear Grade 8 Parents and/or Guardians and Students,

SUBJECT: GRADE 8 INTRAMURAL LEAGUE

Hello! My name is Steven Pače and I am one of our Athletic Coordinators at Handsworth. Over the past month, Mr. Barrett, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Langston and I have been working on an idea to help keep our Grade 8 students engaged in athletic physical activity and to allow our educational cohorts more time to get to know each other. We needed to approach this thoughtfully so as to ensure the maintenance of our new health and safety provisions. With these principles in mind, we are pleased to announce a **GRADE 8 INTRAMURAL LEAGUE** at Handsworth this year.

The first iteration of Grade 8 intramurals will begin next week on Wednesday, October 21st with kickball. Cohorts will be escorted to the large gym by their Grade 8 retreat leaders, eat lunch, participate in a brief team-building activity, and then play kickball. Each cohort is scheduled to typically play one match per week, and the kickball season will run for 5 weeks. The schedule for season 1 (kickball) has been attached to this message.

Participation in the team-building component of Grade 8 intramurals is compulsory, and while we hope all Grade 8 students will be keen to play, involvement in the intramural athletic activities, such as kickball, is optional. Our fantastic Grade 8 leaders are eager to spend time with their cohorts. This is an excellent opportunity for our Grade 8 students to connect with one another, but also with more senior Handsworth students. Our hope is for our Grade 8s to experience more of the wonderful opportunities Handsworth has to offer and encourage all students fully participate in intramurals when they feel comfortable and safe.

Ensuring the safety of all our students and staff is critically important. All intramural activities have been designed with safety first, and contact activities (i.e. basketball, football, rugby) are not being considered at this time. All participants will be required to wash their hands before and after activity and to wear a mask unless medically exempt. All

common/high touch surfaces and equipment will be cleaned regularly. Please see the informed consent (attached) for more details regarding sport-specific safety protocols.

To ensure families are aware of the risks and responsibilities of participating in Grade 8 intramurals, please see the attached informed consent document. In this document are the major Handsworth Athletic Forms, including an informed consent, Grade 8 intramural code of conduct, medical form, concussion awareness sign-off, and student awareness of risk and responsibility. Please take time to review and complete each document with your child. Students can return all the signed forms to a drop-off box in-front of the office by Thursday, October 22nd.

We are excited to offer intramurals for all Grade 8 students this year at Handsworth! Many students have been asking for ways to meet their peers, and to engage in athletics at school. We hope this intramural "league" will offer our Grade 8 students a taste of what makes Handsworth such an incredible school and community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email space@sd44.ca. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Pače". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a large, stylized "S" at the end.

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Attachments:

[Grade 8 Intramurals - Kickball Schedule](#)

[Grade 8 Intramurals - 2020 Informed Consent](#)