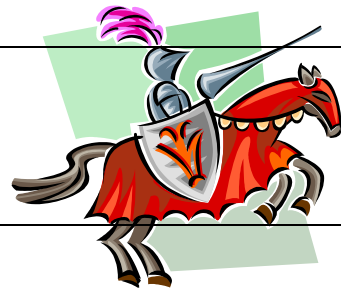


KMS Athletics



Information:

Kennedy Middle School students involved with co-curricular athletic programs will continue participation in the Braveland Conference. This conference includes Brown Deer Middle School, Webster Middle School (Cedarburg), John Long Middle School (Grafton), Thomas Jefferson Middle School (Menomonee Falls), North Junior High (Menomonee Falls), Lake Shore Middle School (Mequon), Steffen Middle School (Mequon), Thomas Jefferson Middle School (Port Washington), and Templeton Middle School (Sussex).

Kennedy is a WIAA member school and we model our philosophy around the “Loyalty Clause.” It is this philosophy that recognizes that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of the given sport/co-curricular activity offered at Kennedy. A student becomes ineligible in a sport and/or co-curricular activity for the remainder of the season for competing in non-school games, meets or contests in the same sport/activity during the season of practice and competition established by the school. Parents of participating students in co-curricular programs are asked to support our efforts in meeting the following mission, which is closely aligned with WIAA mission:

The mission of middle-level athletics and co-curricular programs is to provide an enjoyable educational experience for young adolescents based on their developmental characteristics and needs. The development of the young adolescent’s self-esteem, citizenship responsibility, and skills in cooperative and leadership behaviors are positives outcomes of appropriate middle-level programs. These programs should be enjoyable, vigorous and safe, and should occur in a positive climate with appropriate adult leadership and support. Effective middle-level co-curricular programs are coordinated with other school and community activities to offer additional opportunities for young adolescents to explore varied interests. Middle Level Programs are an essential component of the total educational process and an excellent opportunity for the home, school, and community to work together.

Finally, and as a reminder, all participating students involved in athletic programs need a WIAA physical card on file in the office as well as a paid athletic fee prior to the start of the sport they choose to participate in. Physicals are good for two years. In the year opposite their physical, students need a yellow WIAA alternate year card on file in the middle school office. Cards can be obtained from the main office. Go Crusaders!

Offerings:

All 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to try-out and participate in organized after school sports. The one exception is for wrestling, which will be afforded to sixth grade students.

Girls	Dates	Boys	Dates
Cross Country	09/06/11 – 10/11/11	Cross Country	09/06/11 – 10/11/11
Basketball	09/08/11 – 11/10/11	Wrestling	11/07/11 – 01/27/12
Volleyball	02/07/12 – 03/13/12	Basketball	11/14/11 – 01/26/12
Track & Field	April – May	Track & Field	April - May

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:



1. What **paperwork** do I need to participate?
 - In order to participate in athletics, all student athletes must turn in either a WIAA physical (good for 2 years) or a parent permit card on opposing years.
 - Physical cards: Physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for the remainder of that school year and the following school year.
 - \$50 athletic fee (\$250 cap per family)
 - Student information sheet
2. How do I find out when the sport I am interested in starts?
 - Each coach will put in announcements prior to the start of the season when their team meeting will be.
 - In the meeting, you son/daughter will get information regarding the upcoming season.
3. When are practices/games?
 - Practices are held after school until approximately 5:00.
 - Practices are held only on days that school is in session.
 - Schedules will be handed out to each athlete and are available on the KMS website.
 - KMS is in the Braveland conference. There will be home and away contests.
 - For home contests, athletes stay after school as most sporting events start by 3:45pm. Basketball is the only activity that has 7th grade starting prior to 8th grade.
 - For away contests, athletes will be transported to the away event by Riteway bus service. Riteway will also bring the team back to KMS at the end of the event. If you prefer to take your son/daughter home with you, a transportation form must be turned into your coach.
 - Braveland conference maps are available on our KMS website.
4. Grades, attendance and eligibility
 - Please see the KMS website for updated information
5. Why can't I play for my club team and the KMS team at the same time?
 - The WIAA "Loyalty Clause" is a philosophy that recognizes that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of the given sport/co-curricular activity offered at Kennedy. A student becomes ineligible in a sport and/or co-curricular activity for the remainder of the season for competing in non-school games, meets or contests in the same sport/activity during the season of practice and competition established by the school.
6. Can I participate in multiple activities/sports?
 - Yes, you may participate in as much as you'd like! The most common overlap is Cross Country and Girls Basketball – coaches will work with you in order to accomplish both!
 - Many students are involved in jazz band, the play, forensics, DI at the same time as many of our athletic programs. This is a time to "try it all"!

