



SCHOOL DISTRICT 145

Commitment to Excellence

Waverly Parents, Students, Supporters:

I hope you all continue to be safe and well. I am confident we all share the same excitement that Fall Activities is here and moving forward with practices and competitions. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with information regarding a few upcoming events and how we will operate fall activities.

It is important for you to know that we are committed to our student-athletes and giving them the opportunity to compete. None of us want to see a season taken away from them like the Spring of 2020. Therefore, some difficult decisions had to be made in order to try and keep a safe environment for both participants and spectators. There is no doubt I/we will look forward to the day when restrictions can be lifted and we can safely gather to cheer on our kids.

Booster Bash:

The Viking Booster Club in conjunction with Waverly High School Activities Department have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Booster Bash scheduled for August 21st. While the full night will not happen (food, recognition, scrimmages, dance team/cheer team performances and other items), we will still be holding our apparel, Booster Club Memberships, punch card, yearbook and activity pass sales. In addition, summer camp shirts can be picked up for the following summer camps: Soccer, Volleyball, Football, Softball, and Tennis. Our girls basketball shirts will not be in on time. Therefore, we will have those sent out to the schools of where your child is when they become available.

Since Booster Bash is our Booster Clubs biggest fundraising event of the year we don't want to miss the opportunity to raise funds that support our athletes and teams this year. The Booster Club has decided to sell gear and passes in small groups with ample outdoor space. We plan on selling August 21st 4:00-7:00pm, August 22nd 11:00am-2:00pm, and August 23rd from 12:00-2:00pm. Our location will be out at the stadium apparel shed on the south side of the high school.

Yearbook staff will be available Friday August 21st and Saturday August 22nd for 2019-2020 yearbooks to be picked up. You will also be able to place an order for the unique 2020-2021 yearbook. If you cannot make either of those dates work, please email our yearbook sponsor, Mrs. Stephanie Flink at Stephanie.Flink@district145.org

Each person shopping will need their own time slot. If you're bringing family members, they will need their own time slot. We will also require a face mask since we are on school property. Although we can take cash/check/card, CHECKS ARE PREFERRED due to less handling and fewer fees being charged for the use of debit/credit cards.

Also as in the past, we will need several volunteers. Information on signing up for apparel and membership information is below. We look forward to seeing the Fall sports seasons begin and the kids back on the fields, courses and courts.

[Booster Club Shopping Sessions/Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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The following Fall Activity Restrictions were established by the Eastern Midlands Conference Activity Directors and Superintendents. These restrictions will be in place until further notice at all partnering EMC schools (Blair, Bennington, Elkhorn, Elkhorn North, Norris, Waverly) for all levels 7-12. If you are traveling to a non-conference school for an event, we will notify you of the restrictions they have in place prior to the event.

Fall Activity Restrictions: Tier I (Low Risk), Tier II (Moderate), Tier III (High Risk), Tier IV (Severe)

Attendance: The following will be required in both Tier II and III

- Attendance at all activities, for all levels will be essential personnel and immediate family members of each participate only. If a venue is not able to hold essential personnel and immediate family members of each participant then there will be no attendance at that activity.
- Face coverings are required both indoors and outdoors. If outdoors you are able to maintain 6' distancing from others while watching a contest, then a mask will not be required, however, everyone will still need a mask in order to get into the event and for any movement during the event.
- Immediate Family is defined as parents/guardians and siblings as listed in our PowerSchool Student Management System
- Essential personnel - Immediate family, participants, sponsors, officials, event staff, medical staff, security, media personnel
- We will live stream as many contests as possible through our STRIV Network, Facebook Live, Pear Deck, or YouTube. We will send links out prior to contests.

Lower Level Events:

- All lower level activities will be attempted to be played at this time.
- If either school competing is in Tier III, lower level contests could be limited based on current realities within each district. This determination could also be made based on the risk level of each activity.
- Lower Level Activities between member schools could be cancelled due to travel distance and other related factors
- Attendance restrictions will be the same as varsity contests.
- We will look to live stream as many contests as possible through our STRIV Network, Facebook Live, Pear Deck, or YouTube. We will send links prior to contests.

Concessions:

- No Concessions in Tier III
- Limited Concessions in Tier II (drinks and prepackaged candy)

Cheer/Dance:

- These groups have small enough numbers and will be permissible at home contests only. There will be no travel for these groups in Tier II and III.
- Participant numbers in these groups will be limited with events indoors.

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Marching Band/Pep Band:

- No marching band performances at home football games in Tier III and II
- No Pep Band performances in Tier III; limited number of pep band participants permissible in Tier II
- We are working with band directors to schedule a couple of nights where the band can perform under the lights for immediate family members.
- We will also be recording the 2020 Marching Band performance and playing it during halftime of each home football game

Bowling:

Last spring the Nebraska School Activities Association sanctioned bowling as an added sport to the winter season starting this school year. Like any other activity sanctioned by the NSAA, local districts have to register annually to declare their participation. Although we are well aware of the successes and large participation numbers the Waverly Club team has had in the past, we regret to inform any interested participants that we will not be registering or competing this year in NSAA bowling. With several uncertainties tied to the 2020-2021 academic and athletic school year we do not feel it is responsible to add another activity at this time. Our hope is to be in a position to offer this starting next school year.

Any students interested in bowling are encouraged to try out for our unified bowling team that will continue in its third year as a registered sanctioned sport here in Waverly.

Again, we fully understand the disappointment and difficulty in reading some of the activity restrictions at this time. They were just as difficult to write as I/we want to be able to allow for normalcy and for all to experience what we know will be a successful fall season.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We will continue to be in contact with you if anything changes. If you would like to visit our website at www.waverlyactivities.com and click on the COVID tab, you will see all of our past communications, forms, and protocols.

Respectfully,

Brad McMillan
Assistant Principal & Activities Director

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