

- There is no post-game or turnout bus that delivers kids home.
- Please sign the release clipboard if you plan on taking your child home after a game.
- **Parents may only take their own child home from away games unless prior approval has already been established with the coach.**
- No surprises. We need a note ahead of time.
- There is no league minimum playing time requirement.
- However, MMS coaches will aim for 1 quarter per player.
- Additional playing time will be earned by displaying higher levels of effort, attitude, and skill in practice and in the game.

All fines must be cleared to participate in a sport, which includes during the sport season.

Students must **NOT** leave anything of value in unlocked lockers at any time.

An athlete will not be allowed to practice or participate in a contest if his or her sports physical has expired. Physicals are good for two (2) years and are transferable to the High School.



MERIDIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

2015-2016

Parent Athletic Brochure

MIDDLE SCHOOL

HEAD COACH DIRECTORY

- Cross Country..... Ron Zegers 318-2308
 Football..... TBD
 Fastpitch..... Karla Johnson 739-5850
 Boys Soccer.....Jason Martinson 220-2103
- Boys Basketball..... Jeff Bearden 303-0750
 Girls Basketball Tony Johnson 739-5850
- WrestlingTBD
- Volleyball..... Courtney Stacy 318-2274
- Baseball..... Jerry Smoot 224-3796
 Track and Field..... TBD
 Girls Soccer..... Aaron Jacoby 318-2213

Philosophy:

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From Kurt Harvill

Athletic Director



Welcome Back.

Athletics provides an amazing opportunity for our students to learn life lessons, face and overcome adversity, reach goals and continue to grow as individuals. Your roles as parent and fan are critical to the overall success of not only your student athlete but also Meridian Middle School.

- Be realistic about your child's physical ability.
- Help your child set reasonable goals.
- Emphasize **improved** performance, not winning.
- Good sportsmanship should be demonstrated at all times.
- View the field/court as a classroom...
- Be a **cheerleader** for your child and other athletes on the team.
- Respect your child's coaches and other parents. Communicate with everyone constructively.
- Encourage others to do the same. Lead by example.

What Coaches Can Expect from a Parent/Athlete

- Communicate schedule conflicts well in advance.
- Schedule to talk with coaches at an appropriate time.
- Be specific about concerns.
- Please use email sparingly. Person-to-Person is always better.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with a Coach

- Psychological or physical safety issues.

Inappropriate Concerns to Discuss with a Coach

- Playing time or position
- Game strategy
- Play calling
- Matters concerning other student athletes

Steps to Take with a Concern

1. Talk with your son or daughter. Collect all the facts.
2. Assistant Coach (*If applicable*).
3. Head Coach (Schedule a time that works for both)
4. Athletic Director

To participate in a practice or contest/co-curricular activity that day, a student **must have attended school for the entire day AND the day immediately following a game. Examples of exceptions:** Prearranged excused absence, illness or injury, funerals, pre-planned medical/legal appointments, or school-sponsored events.

Academic eligibility is established every week during the sport season. In order to be eligible to participate, a student must be registered, attending, and passing all classes with a C- or better. We follow a "Three Strike" academic policy at MMS.

- **Strike One** — The player is ineligible to play in games for one week. However, he/she may continue to practice with the team.
- **Strike Two** — The player is still ineligible to play for one week. May practice with team at coaches discretion.
- **Strike Three** — The player is ineligible to practice and play for remainder of season, or until passing classes.

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