

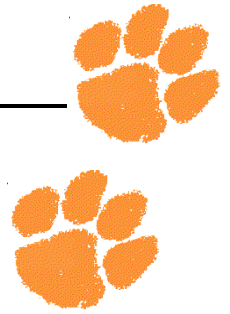
# SOLVAY SCHOOLS

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Good Morning Bearcat Families,

I write to you regarding the ever-changing landscape of interscholastic athletics. I intentionally waited until there was certainty about the fall season before communicating.

Last week the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) made a decision to move Football, Competitive Cheer and Volleyball to the spring (as they refer to is as Fall 2) and begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time, Solvay has decided to postpone Soccer and Cross Country and move both sports to the spring (Fall 2) to begin all fall sports on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Solvay Athletics Timeline:

- Winter Sports will begin November 30<sup>th</sup> (Boys and Girls Basketball, Ice Hockey, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Indoor Track, Non-competitive Cheer)
- Fall Sports are now moved to Spring (Fall 2) and will begin March 1<sup>st</sup> (Football, Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Cheer and Volleyball)
- Spring Sports will begin on April 19<sup>th</sup> (Baseball, Softball, Boys and Girls Track, Boys Golf)

Athletics will **not** begin on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The decision was made based on:

- not wanting to jeopardize the two days of in- person learning
- our cross-country course is currently closed
- we feel that soccer is not a low risk sport
- both soccer and cross country will have the same length of season in Fall 2
- there will be no league championships or sectional play in either season

We plan to offer recreational activities through the BEST program as soon as possible.

This has certainly been a strange, frustrating and anxiety-ridden time for all. Most of this is out of our control and the uncertainty of it all is what creates the most anxiety. I have learned an incredible amount about patience and flexibility and know in the end that we will persevere together.

Please feel free to contact the athletic department with any questions or concerns at 315-484-1400