



Saint Edmund's Elementary School

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SPORTS TEAMS & INTRAMURALS PERMISSION FORM (GRADES 3 – 7)

At St. Edmund's, our extra-curricular sports program runs as follows:

Fall Season	Girls Volleyball (Grades 5 – 7) Boys Soccer (Grades 5 – 7)
Winter Season	Boys and Girls Basketball (Grades 5 – 7)
March – April	Girls Soccer (Grades 6 & 7) Boys Floor Hockey (Grade 6 & 7) Boys and Girls Wrestling* (Grades 2 – 7)
Spring Season	Boys and Girls Track & Field (Grades 3 – 7)

**These sports will require separate permission forms due to the specific nature of the activity*

The Intramural Program is as follows (for Grades 4 – 7):

Fall Season	Girls and Boys Indoor Soccer
Winter Season	Girls and Boys Handball
Spring Season	Girls and Boys Floor Hockey

Because practically every intermediate student participates in the St. Edmund's athletic program, we are collecting a consent form from each student from Grades 3 through 7. Please read through the following carefully to understand the risks and expectations:

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

Supervision: During all games and practices, there will always be a school staff member present. If the staff member is not personally coaching, and there is an outside coach, the staff member will be the sponsor of the team. This is the same level of supervision that is in place during classroom time.

Games and Practices: During practices, students will be doing drills that focus on the specific skills of that sport. There will also be different fitness activities. Each sports team and intramural team will play a series of games where contact between players sometimes occurs. Although reasonable care will be taken by coaches, there is always the possibility of an injury (either through impact or exertion). The risk of an injury is about the same as in a Physical Education class.

Scheduling: For intramurals, a schedule is posted for each sport, and students are responsible for checking the schedule. Intramural games are held at lunch times. For sports teams, the coach will tell players when regular practices will be, as well as distribute a game schedule. Sports team games and practices are held either before or after school. With many sports teams sharing one gym for games and practices, conflicts are inevitable. The school will do its best to communicate these changes to parents.

EXPECTATIONS (for athletic teams only):

Rides: For sports teams to travel to away games, it is necessary for parents to drive players to a nearby school. Whenever passengers are travelling by car, there is the possibility of a traffic accident. For our extra-curricular sports program to function, a certain number of parents are needed to drive.

Team Placement: Generally, students who are playing on an extra-curricular sports team will be on a team with their grade level peers. However, it may be necessary to have some students play with younger or older players. For example,

- A team does not have enough players, and it is necessary to pull an athlete from another grade. According to CISVA guidelines, the minimum number of players for a team is eight.
- A player whose grade does not have a team, and playing with a different grade represents their only opportunity to play.

In such circumstances, the school reserves the right for final approval regarding students playing on a team. The school will do it's best to provide all students from grade 5 – 7 an opportunity to play and develop their skills.

Playing Time: According to CISVA guidelines, all players are required to play a certain portion of a game. To permit students to develop their skills in game situations they are prepared for, playing time may not be distributed equally. However, every student will be allowed a chance to participate.

The staff at St. Edmund's takes a great deal of pride in being able to expose students to a wide range of athletics. Our athletic philosophy is based on inclusiveness, skill development, and enjoyment. Thank you for your support.

Mr. Field

Please sign and return by Monday, Sept. 19th

I give my child _____ (please print) in Grade _____ permission to participate in the St. Edmund's intramural and / or athletic program. I understand the risks inherent in the athletics program, and agree to the expectations.

Parent Signature: _____ Telephone: _____

I am also able to drive for those games my son / daughter's team is playing. Yes

No

If yes, I am able to drive _____ students.