

2011 Fall Preview

Here we are once again, as another summer quickly passed us by and the fall season is already upon us. Here in the Saugus High School Athletic Department we are very excited about this upcoming year, and a year in which we all expect a great deal of success! There are so many things happening within the department I would like to touch upon only a few....

The 'Friday Night Football Game' will once again take place on September 16th vs. Manchester-Essex High School at 7:00 at Stackpole Field. We will also host the middle school football home opener on Saturday night, September 17th at 7:00 vs. Melrose and the varsity field hockey team will play its first ever night game at Stackpole on Sunday, September 18th at 7:00 vs. Revere as well. It should be a great weekend and a great community event once again!

The 'Fun Area' at Founders Day is a partnership between SHS Athletics, the SHS Drama Club and the SHS Gay-Straight Alliance.

Please come by and support the youth organizations and have a great time in doing so

All student-athletes at SHS and at BMS are taking two concussion courses. One is a course that teaches about the severity of concussions; and the other is called IMPACT which is a cognitive baseline test administer by the Athletic Trainer.

The first year middle school football program is off and running and has 40 kids currently playing

Two varsity coaches reigned and I wish them the best of luck. Softball coach Bobbi Finnochio became a Principal of an elementary school in Winthrop and lacrosse coach Chris Benson went into the Air Force.

This is the first season for the merger of the Northeastern Conference and Cape Ann League in football. Saugus is in a tier with Winthrop, Triton, Pentucket, Amesbury and Newburyport. The Thanksgiving game vs. Peabody will be in Saugus this year.

The 'Student-Athlete Leadership Council' has a new President, Emily McBride, and another fifteen selected student-athletes. These student-athletes help in a variety of ways in the athletic department. They are all great kids, smart, athletic, and dedicated to Saugus High School.

The SHS Golf Tournament was a huge success and I would like to thank again all those who played, donated, and helped.

Tom Gaeta is the new varsity baseball coach at Saugus High School

The cross country team is back this fall and we are also very optimistic about getting the numbers to sustain the indoor track team as well

The tennis courts at the middle school will be worked on shortly and we should be back to hosting tennis matches next spring. I would like to thank Town Manager Andy Bisignani for getting this done and for getting the field done inside the track area as well.

As you can see there is a lot going on and this is only a few items for discussion. Please come by some of the games and show your support for the student-athletes at Saugus High School and at the Belmonte Middle School. The coaches and players work hard and deserve your respect and I know you'll be proud of the things they are doing

Respectfully,

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