

Ogdensburg School Soccer - Parent/Guardian Information

We are posting this letter to provide information on our school soccer program. The program is co-ed, open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. We have a Varsity team and a Junior Varsity team. We compete on an interscholastic level with other schools in our area.

Practices will be at the school field on the following dates until the times indicated:

September 8th, 9th, 10th, 13th, and 14th (5:00), 15th, 20th, 22nd, and 29th (4:30)

October 5th, 13th (4:30)

The game schedule is posted on the back of our school calendar, as well as on the individual blocks of days. Games start as close to 3:30 p.m. as possible. At HOME games we play the Varsity first, Junior Varsity second. Other schools may do the opposite when we are AWAY. We have no control over that. It is the decision of the HOME team as to which unit plays first.

We take a bus to and from all AWAY games. If you attend the game and wish to take your child home when it is over you may do so. The information regarding the procedure for that is on another handout. Those students returning to the school on the bus are allowed to call from the school for rides home. On average, we return from away games between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

We expect our players to try their best during practices and games. At the JV level, we try to balance out playing time as much as possible. At the Varsity level, some players are going to get more playing time than others. It is interscholastic competition, and our goal is to be as competitive as possible each game, and prepare our players for the next level of competition (High School). We realize some people may not like that approach, but we view the School's Varsity level as being the highest competitive level, so the players that are more skilled at that level will get more playing time. This is a difficult transition time for many players who are used to the recreation level where playing time is equal. Hopefully we can make that transition as smooth as possible.

We will go over our team rules with the players the first day of practice. A basic rule of thumb is to use, "Common Sense" and show good behavior. We stress good sportsmanship, and have maintained a good reputation for doing so among the other schools and with referees. If some of these things become an issue with any player, it may result in a lack of playing time, suspension of play for a period of time, or removal from the team. Hopefully, that won't become an issue.

Directions to our away locations can be found on my website. Hopefully, you will be able to come out and see some of our games during the course of the season.

If you have any questions you may contact us at school. The number is: 973-827-7126. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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