



Oxford Area High School

Dear Oxford Hornets Families,

I hope this communication finds everyone in good health and in good spirits. Usually around now, we in the athletics world are planning for the next couple of months. Typically, parents are planning their evening schedules, work schedules, and dinner plans around practices and games. Typically, students are planning their homework time, personal time, and social time around their athletic events, proms, awards, and other extra-curricular activities. Typically, my staff and I are planning for the fun of the spring season. But right now, we are planning for the unknown.

All of us in the athletic department look forward to the daily grind of practices; we love the promise of student engagement and participation. Coaches love to plan practices and make one hundred different lineups and theorize which is best and why. Personally, I miss the good mornings from students, the smiles, and even the complaints that it is too cold to go outside. I miss meeting with coaches and talking about their programs. But, the thing I miss the most is watching the students play their respective sports and all of the emotions, hard work, and effort that go into them. The life lessons that are learned through athletics, the relationships that are built, and the collective teamwork towards a common goal that is instilled in student-athletes are some of the intangibles that student-athletes take with them and we get to proudly witness.

Currently, we are waiting for guidance from the PIAA. The PIAA will be monitoring the communication from Governor Wolf and PDE. We do not know what the spring season could look like right now because we don't know when we could potentially start. We don't know if state championship dates could slide back which would help us in developing schedules pre-playoffs. We don't know what the officials and referees situation is. We don't even know what our local area will look like in the next couple of week. Needless to say, there are many things that need to happen first.

All of you have my promise to do everything that I can do to salvage some semblance of a season for our student-athletes, with a priority on highlighting our seniors. We in the Ches-Mont League have a basic framework of something we could do, but we need time and weather to be cooperative. We all know that nothing is guaranteed as of now, but we do have hope that we have light at the end of the tunnel. At some point, we will all be Oxford Hornets... together!

The silver lining is what? The silver lining is we are spending quality time with our family and loved ones. Usually the spring season is hectic and enjoying quality time with our families is minimal. Take advantage of this time, it is precious and it is special.

OASD... Stay healthy, stay safe, stay active, and stay fit. Please be mindful of the shutdown and follow the shelter in place. Lastly, LET'S GO HORNETS!

Sincerely,

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