

2020-'21 WCA WARRIORS ATHLETICS

Dear kids and parents,

First, I just wanted to introduce myself. I'm the new Athletic Director for our school! My name is Michael Schumacher. I'm Ari, Elijah, Elizabeth, and Emma's dad, and Alison's husband! I have coached the boys varsity basketball team with Mark Peloquin for the past couple of years and our coed soccer team with Chris Rossell, last year. Prior to us joining up with WCA, I had coached the kids' basketball and baseball teams since they were little. I have also been a Trail Life Troop Master, and helped out at the BEFC youth group. Back in school, I played center in basketball, goalie in soccer, and ran cross country and did track and field as well. We also played volleyball after church all summer long growing up. Now, our family serves as the worship team for Enough Ministries at the First Baptist Church in downtown Barre, and Alison teaches at WCA, as well. If you need to get ahold of me, my number is 802-495-6482. Email me at Michael.schumacher@wcavt.org.

Second, I would like to praise and thank Brandi Peloquin for her years of faithful service as our AD. You've set the bar very high, and I am not going to even try to compete with *that!!* I just hope my skillset is a good match for this crazy COVID-19 season and hopefully you can help me out if I need it!

That brings us to **THE VISION FOR THE '20-'21 SEASONS**. COVID has disrupted just about everything in our lives, so how do we move forward?? After some preliminary discussions and prayer, Chris, Mark, and I met with Pastor Brian and had a great brainstorming session last week. We used the way WCA has approached opening school in general as a model, and asked ourselves "What would that look like with sports? What are our goals for sports in general?"

Goals:

1. To glorify our Awesome God in all we do!
2. To build spiritually and physically strong young men and women of faith
3. To develop the many virtues that can be worked out through sports: self control, strength, perseverance, patience, kindness, respectfulness, love, teamwork, selflessness, sacrifice, determination, etc...
4. To get the kids' energy out so they don't drive the rest of us NUTS!!!
(Considered making that Goal #1 haha)

THE PLAN!!

What we found was that we can still achieve these goals effectively with an in-house program, by thinking outside the box!

So, we're going to use this year as a **FUN, DEVELOPMENT YEAR** for the kids.
Since inter-school sports are not an option in the way we are used to due to COVID...
We are going to do a whole new idea this year!!

WHAT?

We will be doing two to three afternoon practice/scrimmage sessions per week. By breaking into teams, the oldest kids will be able to develop their leadership skills by being team captains/player-coaches to help the younger kids. Two Saturdays per month, we plan to have a tournament where parents can come and watch. Social distancing and masks will be encouraged for these days.

Starting with Soccer...NOW! – Signups are attached!!

We are also working on an indoor facility to use for the wintertime. We are hoping to do basketball and volleyball in the winter!

Details to come about the other sports.

WHO?

4th – 12th grades

Coach Chris Rossell will oversee soccer again this year, with **help!!** from a team of parents and staff.
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP FOR AN AFTERNOON A WEEK!

WHERE?

Soccer will be at the fields right next to the East Campus!

WHEN?

We are planning 90 minute practices, 2-3 days per week, right after school, and the two Saturdays per month.

WCA WARRIORS SIGNUPS:

We are not looking for only the star athletes. This year is an opportunity for everyone to bond and enjoy participating together...the more the merrier! You might find you like it!!
However, it is voluntary, so ya have to sign up!!

Please **SIGN UP ASAP!!!**
(because we need to get these kids PLAYING!! – See goal #4)

Student Name(s):

Sports interested in:

- Soccer
 - Soccer necessary items:
 - Cleats
 - Shin guards
 - Tall socks
 - Appropriate undergarments for sports
 - Good attitude 😊
 - Grit
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- **All!!** 😊

Parental approval:

I hereby give my child(ren) listed above permission to participate in WCA Athletics, and hold WCA and its affiliates harmless from any and all liability related to my child(ren)'s participation in WCA Athletics.

Parent name(s):

Parental approval

signature: _____

Yes, I can help supervise on these days!

- Mondays -after school practice
- Tuesdays-after school practice
- Wednesdays-after school practice
- Thursdays-after school practice
- Fridays-after school practice
- 2 Saturday/ month Tournaments - AM
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Please sign this form and give it to Coach Chris or Shannon Swan ASAP!!