

WELCOME RED COAT NATION !!!!!!!

WELCOME TO PARENTS NIGHT

- ▶ Welcome to the Fall Season
 - ▶ Boosters
 - ▶ Sportsmanship / Concussion Management / Communication / Student participation / Family ID / **Blue Card – Red Card – Physicals**
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BOOSTER CLUB

- ▶ Support ALL programs through volunteer services / Fairness across the board!
- ▶ At no time, interferes with the policies, methods, eligibility requirements, or other practices of the athletic department or administration.
- ▶ Money raised comes from various activities:
 - ▶ concession sales, merchandise sales, Script, Golf Outing and other fundraising.
- ▶ Help us reach our goal of 100% and join today. We can't do all of this without you!

3 WAYS OF THE REDCOATS: ACHIEVEMENT

- ▶ **RED**: Your mind is framed in hope / optimism ----- not failure not defeat
- ▶ **WHITE**: You have to apply yourself each day to becoming a little better every day ... if you do this everyday by the end of the season you will be a lot better
- ▶ **BLUE**: Coaches and student athletes - I ask for your full preparation and full effort
 - ▶ Don't ask the question did I win or did I lose – Did I make my best effort

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS

- 1) Safety of Student-Athletes
 - 2) Academic Excellence: Academics are the first expectation
 - 3) Balanced Perspective
 - 4) Commitment
 - 5) Sportsmanship
 - 6) Competitive Excellence
 - 7) Pride Amongst Teams
 - 8) Relationship building
 - 9) Ethics and Professional Responsibility
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RED SEA

CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS

- ▶ Spectators will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner
- ▶ No Re-Entry policy - No Exceptions
- ▶ No debating yelling at or verbal abuse directed at officials
- ▶ No engaging with other student athletes
- ▶ No engaging in mean spirited behavior with other student sections from other schools
- ▶ Stay off all playing surfaces (court, field, track, etc)
- ▶ Read the room – if we are up 50 pts in basketball, 50 in football, 5 in soccer, etc and we score – we don't have to go crazy like we won the world series
- ▶ Celebrate our athletes and cheer for our athletes – with appropriate comments
- ▶ Positive — Positive — Positive
- ▶ Have fun and do it the Redcoat way — Go Coats!!!!!!

ATHLETICS IS A PRIVILEGE

- ▶ Athletes are not to be in the presence of and are expected to remove themselves from situations where there is underage alcohol consumption or illegal use of substances, whether occurring on or off school grounds
 - ▶ In Season First offense -- 5 week suspension (no fewer than 2 games)
 - ▶ Out of Season First offense – Suspension for 5 weeks from start of the next participating season (no fewer than 2 games)
 - ▶ No leadership position for one year
 - ▶ Second offense – removal from team and suspension from all sports until the start of the same season the following year
- ▶ Appropriate Behavior in the classrooms, in school, at school events
- ▶ If you are not in school you can not practice – (4 hours) – If you can't practice you will not be able to play

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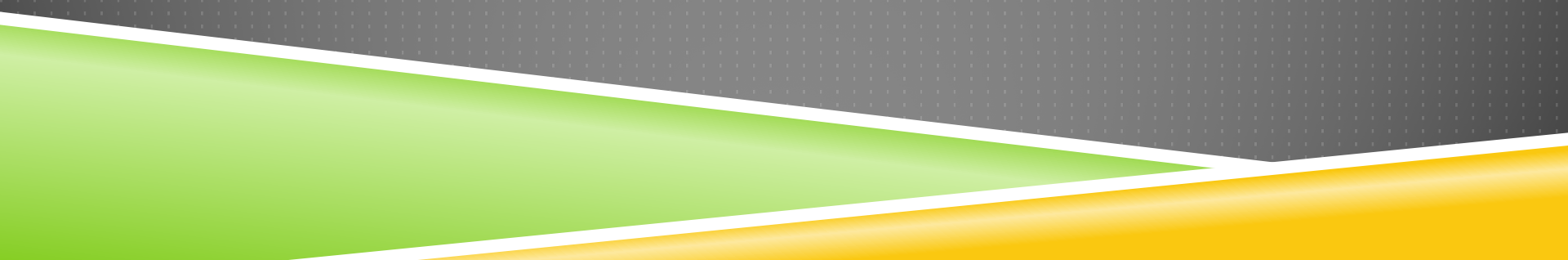
- ▶ Aligning team expectations to department core values
 - ▶ Continue refining academic supports for participants
 - ▶ Clarifying ethical and professional responsibilities for coaches
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TRANSITIONS → HIGH SCHOOL

At every level of sport, the ultimate goal is to facilitate and develop skills and abilities to enable student to successfully transition to the next challenge:

- ✓ Level of school, military or employment
- ✓ Level of competition
- ✓ Life and personal goals

FUNDAMENTALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP:

- 1. Show respect for the opponent and the officials.**
 - 2. Know, understand, and appreciate the rules of the contest.**
 - 3. Maintain self-control.**
 - 4. Recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of affiliation.**
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SPORTSMANSHIP

▶ All Berlin High coaches, athletes, and fans are expected to maintain the highest level of sportsmanship.

Violation of the expected standards may lead to the following:

▶ **ALL** of us represent **REDCOAT NATION** and the **Community of Berlin!!!!!!**

- ▶ Verbal warning
- ▶ Removal from a contest
- ▶ Suspension from upcoming contests
- ▶ Seasonal suspension
- ▶ Academic year suspension

COMMUNICATIONS WITH COACHES

Steps for conflict resolution:

- ▶ Athlete-Captain
- ▶ Athlete-Coach
- ▶ Athlete-Athletic Director
- ▶ Parent-Coach
 - * Never approach a coach before or after a practice or contest. Please schedule an appointment!
- ▶ Parent- Athletic Director and Coach
- ▶ Parent – Principal, Athletic Director and Coach

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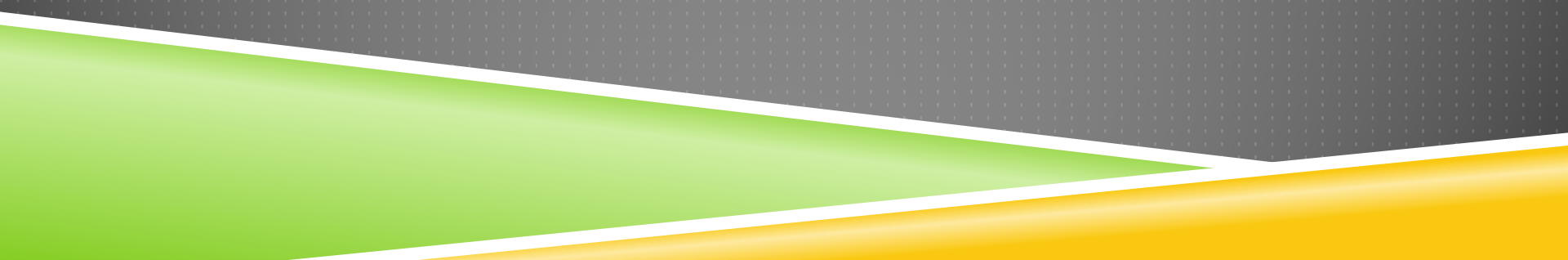
- ▶ **Encourage your child to talk with the coaches:** If your child is having difficulties in practice or games, or can't make a practice, etc., encourage *them* to speak directly to the coaches. This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a big-time player and an adult. By handling the off-field tasks, your child is claiming ownership of all aspects of the game - preparation for as well as playing the game.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Topics not open for discussion:

- ▶ **Playing Time** (student conversation with coach)
- ▶ **Other student-athletes**
- ▶ **Game strategy**

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS

- ▶ Be positive with your child. You were a parent long before your child became an athlete. Keep things in perspective.
 - ▶ Support your child's team, not just your child.
 - ▶ Be supportive but don't make excuses.
 - ▶ Don't belittle coaches, officials or other athletes.
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"I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, DAD, BUT IT'S A LITTLE EMBARRASSING."



ATTENDANCE/ELIGIBILITY POLICY

- ▶ To be eligible for practice or competition, student-athletes must be in attendance for at least 4 hours of school. (if under time because of study halls see me)
- ▶ To be eligible to play in the fall, a student must have earned at least 4 Carnegie units of credit towards graduation in the previous year. For the winter & spring, a student must pass four units of credit in the previous marking period.
- ▶ Eligibility Document – for reference, Questions – please ask
- ▶ Family ID / Blue Card – Red Card Physicals

ATTENDANCE/ELIGIBILITY POLICY

- ▶ Must have an overall GPA of a 70 average. If you wish to participate this fall your overall average must be a 70 from the previous school year. If you wish to participate in the winter, your GPA must be above a 70 for the first marking period.
- ▶ If you are on a high school team --- You CAN NOT participate in that same sport with a different club during that season.
 - ▶ Ex. Playing high school soccer and also playing on FSA during the same season
- ▶ Clinics or showcases --- all need to be approved by the Athletic Director
 - ▶ If you are interested, please let me know ASAP
 - ▶ If you attend and it is not sanctioned by the CIAC – you are putting you and your teammates in jeopardy of having to forfeit games or become ineligible for playoffs

PICTURE OPT-OUT

- ▶ If you or your children wishes to opt out of Berlin High School photography, please let me know via email. I can not control media or press at a games but can control what we put out.

ACADEMIC TRACKING – AIP

- ▶ Coaches receive periodic academic progress reports for their athletes
- ▶ These reports will help to reinforce the development of the whole Student-Athlete
- ▶ Our goal is for our graduates to have as many options available to them as possible!

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION PROGRAM (AIP)

If the GPA of a student-athlete falls below a 2.0 at any of the designated reporting periods in your season, you will participate in the AIP.

Fall reporting periods:

- ▶ Fall 1: Sept 25
- ▶ Fall 2: Oct 8
- ▶ Fall 3: Oct 25

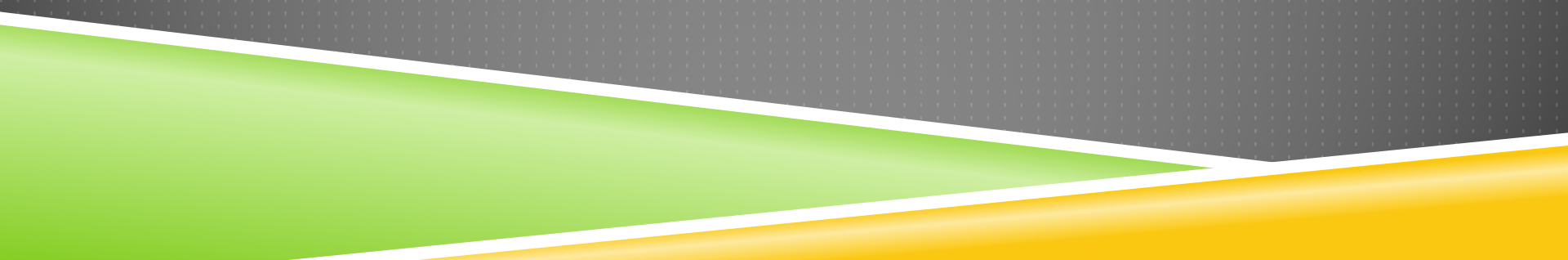
AIP OVERVIEW

GPA 1.5-1.99: Attend Academic Supports 2x' s per week and turn in completed weekly tracking sheet to coach each Friday

GPA <1.5: Attend Academic Supports 3x' s per week and turn in completed weekly tracking sheet to coach each Friday

Failure to follow though: Suspension from play immediately until requirements met

ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

- 1) Homework Club – 60 minute minimum
 - ▶ AIP pass must be complete
 - 2) Faculty Support – 30 minute minimum
 - ▶ May occur with any staff member qualified to assist
 - ▶ AIP pass must be complete
 - 3) Peer Tutoring – 40 minute minimum
 - ▶ Tutor must be coordinated by: teacher, guidance or coach
 - ▶ Tutoring must be supervised by staff member
 - ▶ AIP pass must be complete
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SOCIAL MEDIA

▶ berlin_redcoats

▶ Twitter (x), Instagram, social media posts from Mr. Kirck

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ▶ **RED SEA** – Liaison(s) for the Season
- ▶ **Break out Sessions with Fall coaches:**

INFORMATIONAL:

- ▶ CIAC website

- ▶ <http://ciacsports.com/site/>

- ▶ Berlin Schools website for Athletics

- ▶ <https://www.berlinschools.org/athletics>

- ▶ Concussion Central / Sudden Cardiac Arrest

- ▶ <http://concussioncentral.ciacsports.com/>