

Dear LOLCS Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 athletic sports program at LOLCS. We are greatly anticipating a fantastic year for our athletic program. As teachers, coaches, and supporters of your child, we desire to make this athletic program a tool for developing the next generation. We aspire to teach leadership, character, and most importantly, Godliness on and off the athletic field. At LOLCS, we want to partner with parents in training their children through athletics. Our theme verse for our athletic program is I Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." We must strive to live for our Savior, pleasing and honoring Him with our actions and lives.

We currently participate in the Florida Christian Conference (FCC) and are excited about being involved with other schools of like faith and philosophy. As we near the opening of our athletic season, we ask that your child be fully prepared and organized if he/she desires to participate. We offer Varsity boys soccer and JV/Varsity girls volleyball in the fall, JV/Varsity girls and boys basketball in the winter, and Varsity boys volleyball, coed Varsity golf and cross country in the spring. We offer these sports for our 7th through 12th grades. If you desire your student to participate in any of these sports, there are signed forms and requirements for them to participate. Your child must have a completed and current sports physical as well as a LOLCS Athletic Consent Form. Both set of documents can be found attached to this email, on the school website located under Athletics (click on the tab) or be picked up at the school office. Please return these two separate completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Our first games will be on August 16. Your athlete's physical and consent form **must** be turned into the school office by August 12. *The cost to participate in the athletic program has changed recently. The fee for each sport is \$100/student/sport with a cap at \$300 for the year.* During the season, our coaches/school may require your child to have certain FCC or LOLCS officially regulated equipment for that sport (i.e., Basketball warm-ups). If you have any questions about where to obtain the specific equipment, our staff would be more than happy to assist and guide you.

Starting on July 29, we will have soccer and volleyball tryouts/practice. If your child is interested in playing, he/she must attend these tryouts as much as possible for them to be eligible to play on the team. **If for any reason they are not able to attend (such as vacation), please let their coach know as soon as possible so that they are aware as to why they are not in attendance. If your child makes the team, then all forms and athletic fees must be turned in August 12.** Based on how many students try out, team cuts or tiered teams **MAY** be implemented. The times for our sport conditioning and practices prior to the start of the school year are listed below:

Jr. Varsity/ Varsity Girls Volleyball: (JV Coach: Jamie Becker - jamiebecker@fbclol.org)
(Varsity Coach: Scott Long – scottlong@fbclol.org)

- July 29 – Aug. 2 Time: (JV) 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (**M, T and W ONLY; NO tryouts/practice R or F**)
(Var.) 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (**M AND T – joining JV**)
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (**W AND R ONLY; NO practice/tryouts Friday**)
- Aug. 5 - Aug. 9 Time: (JV) 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (**M, T and W ONLY; NO tryouts/practice R or F**)
(Var.) 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (**M – F**)

Varsity boys soccer: (Joe Castellano – j13castellano@gmail.com)

- July 29 – Aug. 2 Time: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm (**T – F; NO practice/tryouts Monday**)
- Aug. 5 - 9 Time: 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm (**M – F**)

****Regular school year practice times/days will begin the first day of school **August 12** of which each coach will inform their players ****

Thank you so much for your support of LOLCS. We look forward to partnering with your family in serving the Lord for the sake of educating and training your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either me or your athletes' coach at the email address above.

Scott Long
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