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**Danvers Public Schools**

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To Danvers High School Parents and Student-Athletes,

Please be sure to review and follow the obligation procedure, which is necessary to participate in all athletic programs this fall and throughout the 2011-2012 school year. The “NEW” state law regarding sports-related head injury and concussion is mandatory for all school athletic programs this year. This law is explained in the attached obligation procedures. The Athletic Office will be open from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday daily to submit obligation forms. **THE ATHLETIC OFFICE IS NOW LOCATED IN THE FRONT PART OF THE DANVERS HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING FIRST CORRIDOR ON THE RIGHT.**

A mandatory meeting of one hour for all parents, student athletes and their coaches will be held the **FIRST** night of school. Due to the construction project it is necessary to have two meetings in the high school café. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the coaches to communicate their expectations and team policies and open a clear line of communication between parents, student athletes and coaches. These meetings will be held on **Wednesday, September 7, 2011 in the high school café with the break down of teams as listed:**

**\*6:00 p.m. – Football, Cheering and Cross-Country**

**\*7:30 p.m. – Boys’ & Girls’ Soccer, Field Hockey and Golf**

**Parents please make special note of the following:**

- **Due to increasing costs to support our athletic programs activity fees have increased for 2011-2012.**
- **For planning purposes games and matches will be held during Christmas, February and April vacations.**
- **No student will be eligible to participate in the day’s co-curricular activities if the student is tardy (after 7:25 a.m.) without medical documentation or verified extenuating circumstances.**
- **The obligation forms will be handed out at pre-season sign-up meetings or can be picked up at the Athletic Office or downloaded from the web: [www.danvers.mec.edu](http://www.danvers.mec.edu) (go to “Athletics”).**
- **Parents of 10<sup>th</sup> grade student-athletes are required to forward a copy of the sports physical to the school nurse.**

Fall sport start dates and times:

Football – Monday, 8/22, 8:30 a.m. grades 10, 11, & 12, 10:30 a.m. grade 9, football lockerroom

Cross-Country – Thursday, 8/25, 8:00 a.m., the corner near the playground

Golf – Monday, 8/29, 6:00 a.m., Far Corner Golf Course, Boxford

Soccer – girls – Monday, 8/29, 8:30 a.m., Vye gym lobby

Soccer – boys – Thursday, 8/25, 8:30 a.m., Thorpe School field

Field Hockey – Thursday, 8/25, 8:30 a.m., Vye Gym

Cheering (Football) – Tuesday, 8/23, 4:30 p.m., Vye gym

Middle School Field Hockey – 9/13, Tuesday, 2:45 p.m.

Middle School Cross-Country – 9/13, Tuesday, 2:45 p.m.

Any questions please call the Athletic Office.

Remember...

**No state law concussion form = NO CLEARANCE**

**No proof of physical = NO CLEARANCE**

**No permission form = NO CLEARANCE**

**No activity fee = NO CLEARANCE**

**NO CLEARANCE = NO PARTICIPATION WITHOUT EXCEPTION**

Sincerely,

John L. Sullivan