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Dear Students and Family,

I would like to welcome you to Western Reserve Academy and share with you some important information about our athletic and afternoon programs.

A long-held principle at WRA has been that all students participate in a vibrant, interscholastic athletic program. The athletic experience at WRA is viewed as a curricular and integral part of the total educational experience that is built around the WRA values of excellence, integrity and compassion.

Benefits of our program

For this reason, all WRA students are expected to participate in our diverse, well-rounded interscholastic team athletics program. We strive to ensure that each student-athlete will:

- Be enriched in mind, body and spirit by the team athletic experience.
- Realize his or her individual potential.
- Contribute at a team level commensurate with his or her ability.
- Receive a needed balance to academics, co-curricular activity and residential life.
- Be encouraged and have the support to live a healthy lifestyle by providing regular athletic opportunities, which can produce physical, psychological, emotional and social benefits, and which enhance all areas of student development and carry over into future endeavors.

Athletic and afternoon offerings

We currently offer 24 interscholastic sports. Since each student receives a half-credit of physical education at the end of each academic year, each student is expected to participate in an organized activity in each of the three athletic seasons.

All freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to participate in an interscholastic sport for each of the three seasons of their given year. In the junior and senior years, each student is encouraged to participate in two of three seasons of interscholastic sports for each year. When a student selects only two seasons of team sports, he or she can select a non-team sport, exercise/fitness option or non-sport alternative, such as afternoon art, dance or music.

If a student wishes to participate in a non-sport alternative, he or she must receive permission from me, the Director of Athletics & Afternoon Programs, before the beginning of the season. I will consult with the supervisor of each respective afternoon activity before giving permission. Students who participate in a non-sport alternative will be required to perform or display their work at the end of the season. These students must also include a supervised exercise component to their program.

Students with special medical concerns are required to give a doctor's written verification to my office. In addition, those medically exempt students who are not in a rehabilitation program must participate in an alternate activity or sign up to be a team or athletic manager.

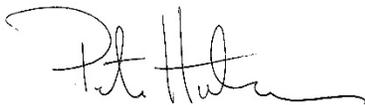
Students who seek any exceptions to the above requirements or activities outside of the WRA community must receive permission from me.

Fall Preseason and Orientation

The week of August 16–August 22 will be used to prepare teams for competitions the following week. This week will also be used as an orientation and campus adaptation prior to classes beginning on Thursday, August 19. Specific information about campus arrival and time for your student's matriculation will be forthcoming in mid-July. Our preseason and orientation program is unique to boarding schools in the United States and one we have developed throughout the past ten years. More details about this week will come in a future letter.

We look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,



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