

Dear High School Volleyball Families,

Hello everyone! 5 DAYS until the start of the 2021 season! The coaching staff is so excited to kick off the new year with your daughters. It was great to see everyone at the parent/player meeting this past Monday. This week's information has several action items (hopefully most have been completed already). I would encourage you to check these items off as quickly as possible to ensure you are ready to go come August 16th.

This message will include items regarding:

- Communication Information
- Missed the Mandatory Parent/Player Preseason Meeting? Then...
- tryouts - attachments included
- Captains' Practice
- Candidates for the 2021 Captains
- Sports Physicals
- Must-do action Items

Communication

Please pass the word on to anyone not receiving these emails, especially families with incoming 7th-9th graders that may not have been on the list. Those families should access the Communication registration on the bottom of the home page of our website and fill it out so as to receive these messages moving forward. Also, be sure to visit our website for newly posted information. The calendar is pretty updated for all summer and fall events (including game and bus schedules), but will be added to regularly. [Locate our website here](#). If the calendar appears blank, scroll to the bottom, click on "show tag menu" and check the box for "Shakopee High School Volleyball Calendar".

Missed the Mandatory Parent/Player Meeting this past Monday???

If you missed the meeting... we covered important details about the season, tryouts, game night expectations, etc. We also discussed in greater detail our big fundraiser and players tried on apparel for both team gear and spirit-wear. Most of the above information can be found in the "2021 Player Handbook" found on our website homepage. Be sure to read through it thoroughly. We also went over calendar dates. Be sure to look closely at all calendar dates so as to understand the commitment of our season. Finally, you will need to check in with our Booster President, Sarah Lipetzky, to get the packet of fundraiser/incentive gear information and volunteer information. Please contact Sarah ASAP to arrange a pick-up: lstifter@gmail.com

Tryouts

We covered the details of tryouts pretty thoroughly at the meeting on Monday. As promised, this message also includes a couple of documents with specific information about day 1 of tryouts. Be sure to look at the document(s) that pertain to your daughter based on their tryout plans (attending one or both sessions). Please note that expected apparel for the day is based on age and it changes based on the specific tryout. REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE TO BE "CLEARED"

BY THE ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT (INCLUDING THE PHYSICAL) IN ORDER TO BEGIN TRYOUTS ON MONDAY.

Captains' Practice

Our seniors have been running "Captains' Practices" this week from 10AM-noon. This is an optional opportunity for anyone trying out for high school volleyball to get into the gym and have fun working out any remaining kinks prior to the following week's tryouts. It is not too late to join tomorrow's final session if you'd like. Just show up in the field house a few minutes before 10:00 to join the fun.

Candidates for 2021 Season Captains and the voting process

The following candidates have applied for captainship for the 2021 season. This means they hope to represent the entire program as leaders. All players that played on a high school team last season (returning 10th-12th graders and coaches) will be eligible to vote for two candidates. The voting will take place this week upon the completion of captains' practices (Thursday afternoon). The google form will be emailed out to all eligible families. We hope players will pay attention to the candidates this week while in the gym for captains' practice so they can pick leaders that suit their style and preference. The candidates are: seniors Nicole Christy, Kate Cordes, Emma Horning, Maddie Lipetzky, Olivia McCall, and Maddie Meyer and junior Alese Klempke. Good luck to all candidates who have already completed an application AND had in-person interviews with the varsity coaching staff.

Sports Physicals

All high school athletes MUST have an updated sports physical on file in the activities office. These are good for 3 years. Depending on the date of your last one, you should be sure to get this completed in the next two weeks. Do not wait to schedule it as the appointments fill up the closer we get to tryouts. Players not cleared by the activities department MAY NOT tryout.

Must-do action items (5):

1. Complete the "[Player Tryout/Position Registration](#)" also found on our website. This is used only for coaches to have knowledge of players' intentions of trying out for which teams and what their primary and secondary positions are. This registration will become the primary contact source used to communicate with families after the Parent/Player Meeting. This is not to be confused with action item #2.
2. Register your child to play high school volleyball through the Shakopee High School Activities Department. This registration includes an activities fee, consent forms and an updated sports physical. You are not eligible to participate in our tryouts until you have been cleared by the activities department. Registration can be found at www.shakopeesabers.com and through the "registration" tab at the top or you can use [this link](#) to access it directly.
3. If needed, complete an updated sports physical in the next two weeks.
4. View the attached tryout information (also found on the website homepage).

5. Browse 2021 Player Handbook (attached and found on our website), then PRINT and SIGN the last page titled "Player Contract". Return this contract on Monday morning prior to tryouts.

We look forward to seeing your daughters on Monday for tryouts.

Sincerely,
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