



August 13, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

My name is J.J. Davis and I am the Middle School Athletic Director at YISS. This is my also fourth year teaching at YISS as the boys' middle school physical education teacher. I am excited to work with the school, students, and all the parents to continue to build the YISS middle school sports program into something special that helps build up the child in athletics, hard work, commitment and healthy competition.

#### Middle School Sports Format

Sports at the middle school level are participation-based and are a great opportunity for your child to gain added experience to a sport that they already enjoy or the exposure to a sport that they have never tried. All students that register are able to participate and will be taught the basic fundamentals and team play. Communicated practices will be held once or twice a week to prepare for Jamborees that are held on Saturdays at various international schools located around the country. At the beginning of each season, YISS coaches will separate the students into mini-teams to allow for more playing time and experience. Jamborees are inter-school games played to a shortened clock and teams will play anywhere from 3-4 games per jamboree. This is an opportunity for students and teams from YISS to play against multiple schools, build teamwork, relationships, and to learn the basics of game play and healthy competition.

#### All-Star Jamborees

Each season one of the jamborees will be dedicated to All-Star team competition. These teams are selected by the coaches and will compete in either a normal jamboree format or tournament format depending on the hosting school. Additional regulation games/matches might also be scheduled in addition to All-Star Jamboree but are not guaranteed. This allows for additional competitive opportunities and a glimpse into high school athletics.

#### Registration Guidelines

On Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:00pm your child will have the opportunity to register for the sports that they wish to participate in for the 2014-2015 school year. There are a few guidelines that I must explain for your child to participate in Middle School Sports and that will help when you are selecting those sports with your child.

- Your child can sign up for up to for their top three (3) sports for the whole year, but will only be given two (2) as to allow for other students to have the same opportunities.
- Only a limited number of students will be able to sign up per team so registration is not guaranteed.
- Registration is HIGHLY competitive and is "First Come, First Served." Over seventy-five students were registered within the first fifteen minutes last year.
- Please keep your commitments to the jamboree dates that follow. If you are not going to be able to commit to all the jamborees due to other events, clubs, or tutoring, please encourage your child to sign up for another sport.
- Your child can only participate in one (1) sport per season.
- Participation in their top two (2) choices is NOT guaranteed, depending on when your child registers, one or both of their top choice might be full.
- Participation in cross-country, basketball, volleyball, tennis, and soccer will require the purchase of a middle school sports uniform that can be used for the various sports and can be worn in PE class. (Available in the Guardian Store) Uniforms purchased last year are



acceptable. Swimming will require a swimsuit, goggles, and a swim cap. (YISS swim uniforms are preferred and available through the Aquatics Department to be ordered in September.)

- If your child wears glasses, but is unable to wear contacts, sport safety goggles will be required of students that participate in basketball, soccer, and volleyball. This is for your child's safety and will be strictly enforced.

#### Additional Information

- Students wishing to participate in swimming should be able to swim 50 meters unassisted and without stopping. This is for the safety of the student.
- MS Tennis is new to YISS and other KAIAC schools. Therefore practices are currently not apart of the sport and multiple jamborees are not guaranteed. Students should have a basic understanding of the sport and possible training outside of the YISS MS season.

#### Sign-Up Procedure

On Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup> after 6:00pm you and your child may begin the sign up process located on the Middle School Sports Website ([www.yissmssports.weebly.com](http://www.yissmssports.weebly.com)). There you will find a form where you will enter their name, gender, grade, passport information, and the sports that they wish to participate in, along with other valuable information. Please accurately and fully complete the form making sure to submit it. This form will be time stamped so any forms submitted before 6:00pm will be changed to a 8:00pm submission time. I will post the final rosters Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> outside the Middle School office and on the Middle School Sports website ([www.yissmssports.weebly.com](http://www.yissmssports.weebly.com)).

Registration will be closed Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. Additional requests should be sent to my email address posted below.

#### Waiting List

Students that are not assigned to their sports of choice will be put on a private waiting list and will be contacted if a spot opens up for that sport. After ten (10) calendar days from the first practice all team rosters will be set and no additional students will be added.

Below is the Jamboree schedule for the 2014-2015 school year. This schedule is set, yet there is always the possibility of minor changes. Please look over the schedule and see if it is fitting for you and your child before they sign up.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at the address below.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.J. Davis', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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## 2014-2015 YISS Middle School Sports Jamboree Schedule

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<b>Season 1</b>					
<b>Girls Soccer</b>		<b>Boys Soccer</b>		<b>Cross-Country</b>	
Host	Date	Host	Date	Host	Date
APIS	Sept. 20th	SFS	Oct. 4th	SFS (2.5km)	Oct. 4th
GSIS	Sept. 27th	CI	Oct. 11th	SAMS (2.5/5K)	Oct. 18th
KIS	Oct. 4th	TCIS	Oct. 18th	OSAN (5K)	Oct. 25th
YISS (All-Star)	Oct. 18th	SIS	Oct. 25th	TCIS (5K)	Nov. 1st
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<b>Season 2</b>					
<b>Swimming</b>					
Host	Date				
SIS	Nov. 8th				
KIS/CI	Nov. 22nd				
SFS/GSIS	Dec. 6th				
YISS (All-Star)	Jan. 17th				
<b>Season 3</b>					
<b>Co-Ed Volleyball</b>					
Host	Date				
SIS (Clinic)	Feb. 14th				
TCIS/APIS	Feb. 28th				
SFS/SAMS	Mar. 7th				
KIS (All-Star)	Mar. 14th				
<b>Season 4</b>					
<b>Girls Basketball</b>		<b>Boys Basketball</b>		<b>Tennis</b>	
Host	Date	Host	Date	Host	Date
SIS	Apr. 11th	SFS	Apr. 11th	TCIS	Apr. 25th
CI	Apr. 18th	GSIS	Apr. 18th	CI (?)	TBD
SFS/TCIS	Apr. 25th	SIS/TCIS	Apr. 25th	YISS (?)	TBD
KIS (All-Star)	May 16th	TBD	May 9th		
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\*Dates and Locations are subject to change.