



POWER

of a



PRE-SEASON

PARENT MEETING

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Thank You FIAAAA!





8 P's of a Pre-Season Meeting



- **Plan**
- **Be Professional**
- **Prepare**
- **Provide Important Materials**



8 P's of a Pre-Season Meeting



- **Practice Presentation**
- **Promote**
- **Pro-Active Communication**
- **Parent Involvement**



Why Have a Pre-Season Parent Meeting?



- **Promote your Athletic Program**
 - Time to Brag
- **Head Off Potential Problems/Issues**
- **Pro-Active**
- **Introduce Staff**
- **Organize Team Parents**
- **Ultimately for the Parents to Meet the Coaches**



When to Meet?



1 Annual Meeting vs. 3 Pre-Season Meetings

Annual Meeting – Run like College Fair

Seasonal Meetings – Individual Classrooms

**Q – How does one handle early start date for
Bowling/Ice Hockey/Swimming?**



How Do You Get Everyone to Attend?



- **Mandatory?**
- **At least one parent must attend**
- **Sign in?**
- **Coaches responsibility**
- **Get on School calendar 1 year in advance**



How Do You Get Everyone to Attend?



- Coaches email parents
- Booster Club Reps email parents
- Honeywell Alerts
- Email Blast – Guidance?
- Give-a-ways/Sponsorships



Who's Up There With You?



- **Invite Superintendent/Principal/VP**
 - **Instruct them to be BRIEF**
- **Have all coaches up on stage**
- **Invite Student-Athlete Speaker**
- **Captains as hosts/hostesses**



What is Your Biggest Message?



- **Departmental Philosophy**
- **Expectations**
- **Communication Policy**
- **Sportsmanship**



Coaches Responsibilities



- **Get the Parents there – It's for Them!**
- **Pre-Season Handouts**
 - Schedules
 - Contact info
 - Team Policy
- **Have your Pre-Season Coaches meeting before MTCN**



Power Point Presentation Skills



- **LTC 613 – Advanced Computer Application Skills**
- **Size of Font**
- **DON'T READ SLIDES!**
- **Practice**
- **Time ones' self**
- **Include Pictures of your athletes**
- **Avoid Animation!**



Videos



- **Pros/Cons**
- **NIAAA Hazing Video**
- **Sportsmanship Video**
 - **Created by your students!**



Presentation



- **Use Humor...When Appropriate**
- **Pictures – Current Students/ BOE Prez' Kid**
- **Clear/Concise**
- **30 Minute Max**



Essentials



- **Sportsmanship**
 - Taunting
- **MIAA/NJSIAA**
 - Concussion
 - Physicals
 - Steroids
- **Communication Policy**



Essentials



- **Conduct Policy**
 - **Good Citizen Rule**
- **Attendance Eligibility Rule**
- **Transportation**
- **Academics**

MEET THE COACHES NIGHT





MEET THE COACHES

Partnership

Madison Athletic Policies

Booster Clubs

Meet your Coaches





MADISON FALL STAFF

- Vice Principal – John Connolly
- Trainer – Megan Barclay
- Boys Basketball – Brian Cavanagh, Stephen Hughes, Curtiss Sallie* & Michael Bruner
- Girls Basketball – Gene Melleno & Jacquleen Calabrese
- Boys & Girls Swimming – Nancy Leib & Lisa Moretti
- Wrestling – Michael Goodwin, Kevin Carroll, & Kevin Braine
- Winter Track – Mark LaDolcetta, David Rosa, Sue Bessin, & David Snell*
- Ice Hockey – Dave Hansen & Joe Cecala*
- Bowling – Charlie Diamante

*Alumni

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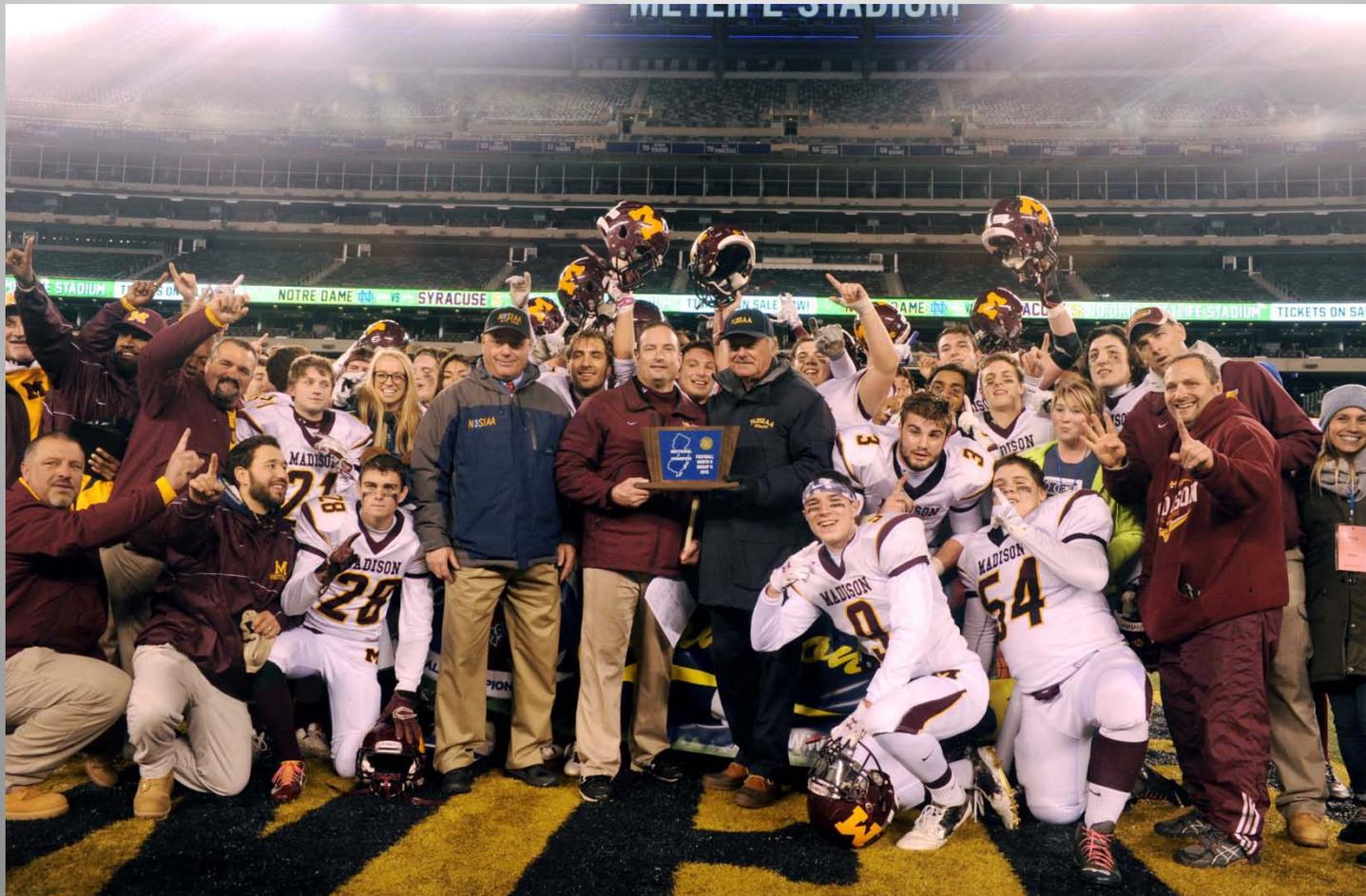
GO DODGERS!!!



BEAT Rutherford!!!

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We DID!!!





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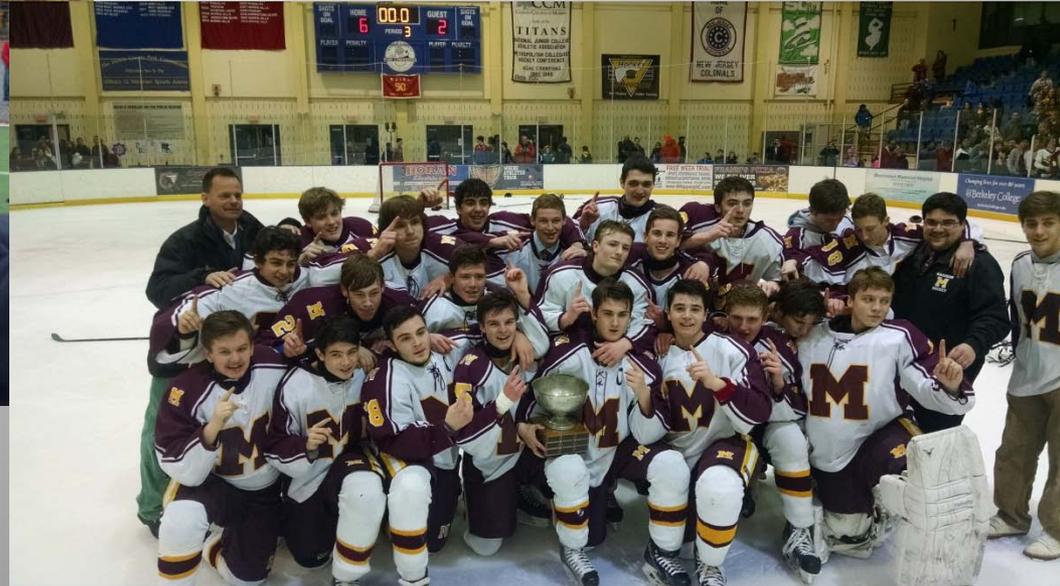
Provide Competitive Athletic Environment





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Want Varsity Teams to Win





PHILOSOPHY

Want Sub Varsity teams to develop Varsity Athletes





PHILOSOPHY

Have Fun!





EDUCATION BASED ATHLETICS

INTEGRITY

RESPECT

COMPASSION

**WORK
ETHIC**

RESPONSIBILITY

COURAGE

**CONFLICT
RESOLUTION**

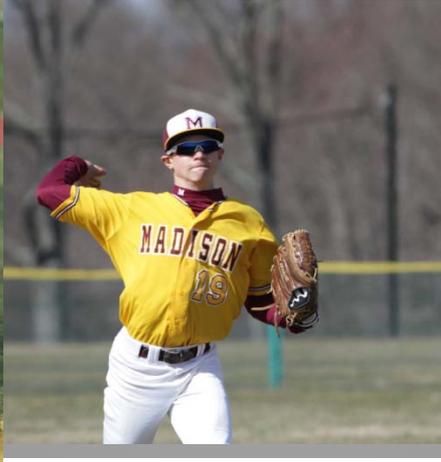
SPORTSMANSHIP

PERSEVERENCE



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2 & 3 Sport Athletes





ACTIVITY FEE



\$150





Athletic Department Info

Now Online

Eligibility Policy

- Rising Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors– 30 credits
- Frosh Automatically Eligible
- 15 Credits in 1st Semester for Spring for All

Substance Abuse Policy

NJSIAA Steroid Policy

Physical Forms

Concussion Policy





MADISON ATHLETICS

**NOTHING GOOD
EVER HAPPENS**

AFTER

10 PM



HELPFUL HINTS

- **Talk to your child**
- **Ask where they are going**
- **Call the home of where they are going, talk to the host parent(s)**
- **Call/Text your child on their cell phone**
- **Call back!**
- **Police Each Other - Parents**
- **Host a movie night with all the soda, pretzels, & ice cream they can eat (or Healthier Foods)**



LOST PERFORMANCE POTENTIAL

100%

90%

88.6%

Elite level athletes lost an average of 11.4% from their median performance level as a result of the residual effect of alcohol...





SKILLS
ACCURACY

REDUCED





Student Conduct Policy

ECA/Athletic Consequences Associated with Use/Possession and/or Distribution of Drugs and/or Alcohol on school grounds and/or at a school sponsored activity or athletic event:

First:

- The student shall lose eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletic competitions for a period of 7 calendar days and/or a minimum of 2 regular season and/or playoff contests (1 regular season or playoff contest for sports with 10 or less scheduled competitions) during the current and/or the next season of participation. The student will be required to attend and participate in all practices and official team meetings during the suspension period.



INJURIES

See Meg Barclay IMMEDIATELY

**If you visit your own Doctor,
notify Meg IMMEDIATELY**

**Accident Reports/Claims –
90 Days**





DODGER ATHLETICS

CONCUSSIONS

- **NJSIAA CONCUSSION POLICY**
- **ImPACT CONCUSSION TESTING**
- **“Concussion in Sports –
What You Need to Know”**

www.nfhslearn.com





DODGER ATHLETICS

STEROID TESTING

www.njsiaa.org

List of Banned Substances





MADISON HS & COLLEGE ATHLETICS





DODGER ATHLETICS & GUIDANCE

- **Student Athlete – College Planning Info**
Visit the MHS Guidance Home Page
- **Team Liaisons**





CUT POLICY

- **Based on Team/Sport**
- **Head Coach/AD Meet**
- **Develop a Rubric**





CUT POLICY

- **There may be numbers issue**
- **There may be a talent issue**
- **There may be both**
- **Equal playing time cannot be guaranteed**
- **Ask your coach**





NO CUT POLICY

- Equal playing time cannot be guaranteed
- There may be numbers issue
- There may be a talent issue
- There may be both
- Ask your coach





COMMITMENT

Our coaches have a tremendous commitment to their respective program and Madison HS





COMMITMENT

- **We expect the same from our athletes and you the parents**
- **Tonight you will receive practice and game schedules, please plan personal appointments appropriately**





Parent Communication Pamphlet & 24 Hour Rule

Please allow 24 hours after a contest to approach a coach with any concerns you may have. If you are not satisfied with the meeting you may express your concerns to the Athletic Department in writing





COMMUNICATION

- **Twitter!**
Madison Athletics NJ
@DodgerAthletics
- **Please refrain from daily emails to coaches**
- **Excessive Texting is discouraged**





SPORTSMANSHIP





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- **Madison strives to be the beacon of good sportsmanship for Morris County and NJAC**
- **Captain's Council**
- **Disqualification Rule**
- **Player's Play, Coaches Coach, Officials Officiate, Parents watch and have fun**



SPORTSMANSHIP

National Federation of High Schools

www.nfhslearn.com

**“The Role of
Parents in Sports”**





NJSIAA BIAS/SPORTSMANSHIP

“There will be no tolerance for negative statements or actions between opposing players and coaches. This includes taunting, baiting, berating opponents, “trash-talking”, or actions which ridicule or cause embarrassment to them. Any verbal, written, or physical conduct related to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or religion shall not be tolerated, could subject the violator to ejection, and may result in penalties assessed against your team. If such comments are heard, a penalty will be assessed immediately. We have been instructed not to issue warnings. It is your responsibility to remind your team of this policy.”



STUDENT-ATHLETE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL





COMMUNITY SERVICE





SUMMER BLACKOUT

Saturday, July 9 – Sunday, July 17

No Summer Workouts

Take a FAMILY VACATION!



DODGER ATHLETICS

- **MADISON HIGH SCHOOL WEB SITE**
- **rSchoolToday**
- **Forms**
- **Photo Gallery**
- **Sideline Access – Coming Soon!**





3 B's for All Star Parents

Be There

Be Positive

Be Seated

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Thank you!

Go Dodgers!!!





Meeting places and Paper work

Girls Soccer: 127

Boys Soccer: 128

Field Hockey: Gym I

Volleyball: Gym II

Football: Auditorium

Cross country: 130

Golf: 129

please make sure you fill out an attendance form before leaving.



Thank You
Athletic Administrators!
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