

ST. MATTHIAS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Dear SMS Families,

Welcome back! We are very excited for the upcoming season and look forward to speaking with all of you at the upcoming parent orientation. **October 10th, 2017.**

In order to prepare for the meeting and tryouts we need your assistance with completing the pre-registration online form by **Monday September 18th 2017**. Please complete each section prior to submitting.

Please click on this link for the online pre-registration:

<https://www.leaguelineup.com/formpreview.asp?url=smsathassoc&formID=123535>

We are in the process of updating the website and thank you for your patience and understanding as we are working to bring you all the information and forms for the upcoming tryouts and meeting.

Important Update: For the upcoming season the Diocese of Metuchen CYO Basketball league has changed the format of the teams. We will now play by grade only. With this change it is important for us to have an accurate head count of all student athletes to plan accordingly. We are looking forward to the new team structure and a great year for our Mustangs. I will update everyone at the parent meeting in October with any additional information.

Mission

The Saint Matthias Athletic program provides a safe sports environment that serves as an extension of the school's academic and religious programming. All participants will learn the fundamentals of each sport and be given the opportunity to cultivate strong, healthy and disciplined minds and bodies. Participants will also develop a sense of good sportsmanship, fair play, and team spirit, as well as facilitate and enhance the moral and ethical development of all those involved.

Philosophy

Saint Matthias Catholic School is concerned with the development of the WHOLE person – the religious, moral, social and academic dimensions, as well as physical development. We believe that participation in athletics is an important component to a well-rounded educational experience. Through participation in the Saint Matthias athletic program, students will develop ethical and moral standards, life-long skills, and positive values. These values include leadership, healthy living habits, self-discipline, integrity, teamwork, respect for rules and regulations and the ability to participate with dignity and grace.

All the Best,
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