



ATHLETIC UPDATE

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We're off to a great start to the 2021-22 athletic school year! The various fall sports teams have become accustomed to the daily expectations of practices or contests and seem to have gotten over the fatigue of having to get up earlier than during the summer months.

So far, we've seen teams host all-day Saturday contests in Middle School football and volleyball and varsity volleyball, while other teams have been off-campus for contests as far away as Charlotte, North Carolina, for a varsity football game.

The ongoing COVID pandemic continues to impact schools all over the state. As was the case last year, Athens Academy has done a tremendous job minimizing the challenges associated with the school and athletic programs. However, we are not immune to the challenges of our opponents, and on Tuesday of this week we learned Commerce High School was forced to cancel our scheduled game for this Friday. Luckily, after much frantic work, we were able to secure a replacement opponent, Augusta Christian School—and it's a home game for the Spartans! Augusta Christian also lost a Friday opponent who had similar health issues.

The volleyball team continues to impress with each and every match they play this season. To date, the team's record is 20-1! The only loss came Tuesday to a very talented Sandy Creek team in three sets. Many of the team's wins are against higher classification schools or traditional Class A powerhouse programs. Last Saturday the team won all FIVE matches during its annual playdate in the Sinkwich Spartan Center.

The cross country teams participated Saturday in the North Georgia Invitational and while both teams were a little short-handed, they performed very well. Congrats to junior Jackson Scruggs who placed first in the varsity meet. Several other performers earned medals with high place finishes. The teams host their first home meet this Saturday.

Congratulations to the recent Spartans of the Week!

Addison Ollendick-Smith, Volleyball - Week of August 16th

Jackson Scruggs, Cross Country - Week of August 23rd

Sarah Harrison, Cross Country - Week of August 23rd

Middle School fall sports athletes will be recognized during halftime of the September 10 home varsity football game vs. Providence Christian.

Go Spartans!