



Dear Lehrman Parents,

I hope you are having a great summer! The Athletic Department coaches are excited to welcome everyone to the 2021-2022 school year.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share our philosophy and goals for your child as they pertain to the Lehrman Lions interscholastic sports teams (flag football and basketball). Youth sports can be an exciting and fun opportunity for your child to learn new skills, make new friends and have fun. The positive experiences that children deserve can be hindered when there are different expectations from coaches, parents and players; to maximize childrens' experiences it is important that we are all on the same page. As you read through this letter please make sure that our philosophy fits with your expectations of what *you* want for *your* child. If not please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

With growing enrollment and interest in our team sports program, we will be holding tryouts for our 4th and 5th grade Lehrman Lions sports teams. This is a new practice for this year. In years past, we have tried to accommodate each and every child, learning on the court and field, that it was not positive for our team and didn't meet our goals (i.e. not enough individual attention at practice, minimal improvement of skill level, not enough playing time, unhappy kids, frustrated parents and coaches). As a coach, I appreciate the eagerness and interest children have, and wish each child could participate. However, this is not possible while also ensuring I preserve the integrity of the team experience.

4th and 5th grade teams will each have 14 roster spots for flag football, and 10 roster spots for basketball. Evaluations will be held the first two weeks of practice. Tryouts can be a stressful experience for children and parents alike and I encourage you to discuss the tryout process with your child before school starts. I will also use this time and experience to explain our goals to the children while testing their stamina, resilience, and maintaining perspective - please help us by supporting this process.

ALL students are welcome, and encouraged, to play in the Lehrman intramural basketball league in the spring. Additionally, the JCC offers flag football in the fall, as well.

Thank you for your continued support,
Coach Aaron Corliss

GO LIONS!!