

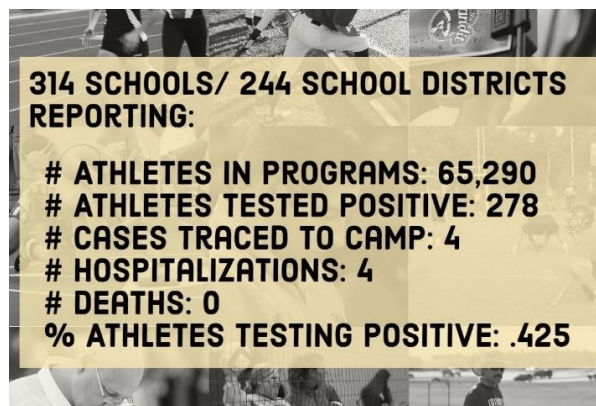
2020 PASCHAL PANTHER FALL SPORTS

Dear Panther Nation,

Welcome back! We know there is a lot of uncertainty in the world today, but one thing that is constant within the athletic department is that we are excited to see our athletes smiling faces again. The UIL set return to practice and play dates at the end of June for all 5A and 6A programs, which allowed FWISD to put a plan together for the fall semester moving forward. The UIL dates for athletics in all conferences is as follows:

ATHLETICS					
Activity	1 st Day for Practice	1 st Day for Games / Matches / Meets	District Certification Deadline	State Championships	
CONFERENCES 1A-4A					
Team Tennis	**	August 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	November 11-12, 2020	
Cross Country	**	August 17, 2020	November 14, 2020	December 5, 2020	
Volleyball	August 3, 2020	August 10, 2020	October 27, 2020	November 18-21, 2020	
Football	August 3, 2020	August 27, 2020	November 7, 2020	December 16-19, 2020	
CONFERENCES 5A-6A					
Team Tennis	**	September 7, 2020	October 24, 2020	November 11-12, 2020	
Cross Country	**	September 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	December 5, 2020	
Volleyball	September 7, 2020	September 14, 2020	November 17, 2020	December 11-12, 2020	
Football	September 7, 2020	September 24, 2020	December 5, 2020	January 2021, TBD	
MUSIC					
Activity	1 st Day to Begin Contest Show Visual / Marching Curriculum	Region Contest Deadline 2A / 4A / 6A	Area Contest Deadline 2A / 4A / 6A; Region Contest Deadline 1A / 3A / 5A	Area Contest Deadline 3A / 5A	State Championships 2A / 4A / 6A; State Military Championships 1A / 2A / 4A
ALL CONFERENCES (unless otherwise denoted)					
Marching Band	September 7, 2020	December 3, 2020	December 10, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 2020, TBD

While there was uncertainty as to when school would start, many of our student athletes have been working hard this summer. Athletes and coaches alike have made the Summer Strength Program (SSP) a huge success. SSP has averaged around 130 plus athletes every day from early June through the present. Not only have we at Paschal had a successful summer, but the state of Texas as a whole has seen the same results. The THSCA (Texas High School Association) recently released figures from summer workouts listed in the image below:



Through COVID pre-screens, masking, social distancing, and temperature checks daily, we as an athletic staff have taken these mitigation steps to ensure the safety of student athletes. SSP will continue to workout through September 3rd, prior to the first day of practice for Volleyball and Football.

FWISD is taking extra safety precautions, as well as recommendations from TEA and the UIL COVID-19 Guidelines in the following link:

<https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/covid-19/2020-2021-uil-covid-19-risk-mitigation-guidelines>

Your child's safety is our number one priority. The athletic training staff and coaching staff will continue to practice daily mitigation steps to stop or limit the spread. We know that this fall will look different, and we have planned vigorously this summer for athletes to return to athletics. We will need your help to encourage your kid to follow all protocols for the good of Panther Athletics. While we hope to be back to the traditional athletic model, we know that many of the common things such as team meetings and even traffic areas in the 'GUS' will be different. Please continue to or plan to do the daily pre-screen through Rank One sports, also continue to wear a mask when entering FWISD facilities. The weather will still be quite warm as we begin practices, so we ask that your student athlete continues to bring their own water bottle daily to athletic activities.

Finally parents, none of the fall will be possible without your support. We want your child to have all the experiences that student athletes before them had, but there will be restrictions concerning fan capacity. As of this moment, 50 percent capacity is what we have been told by the athletic office. The situation will continue to be fluid, and we will keep the parents aware and updated of any changes to capacity limits or scheduling.

While there is still uncertainty, there is a lot of excitement about getting to be with our student athletes again. We can't wait to represent Paschal on the field or court in the near future. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through this abnormal fall sports season, but know that we as a staff are working diligently to give your child the best possible student athlete experience. We will continue to pass on information as it comes to us and are extremely excited about the future of Paschal HS Athletics, God Bless and GO PANTHERS!

Sincerely,

Athletic Coordinators - John Killough and Sarah Dokie Reyes

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