

August 25, 2019

Dear Recreation Dept Families:

As we have dealt with new challenges seemingly on a daily basis these past several months, we have been trying our best to offer solutions that help our families. The COVID-19 situation has impacted our families and our programming tremendously over the past Spring and Summer months. As we transition into the 2020-21 school year, we have worked effortlessly to come up with solutions that will be best and safest for our children and families. We continue to come up with plans and solutions to open our programs, offering alternative dates and schedules.

The physical, mental and emotional health and safety of our students and their families, coaches, advisors and staff is our highest priority. We understand that as things change, these changes will impact our participants. We will do our very best to think creatively with not only the activities and sports we will run this fall, but for those that will not run, as well. We ask for your continued patience as we determine how to address things in the best possible manner going forward. As we move thru the upcoming months, we will keep you updated as registrations open up for various programs.

All protocols for safety are in place to make the environment safe for coaches, staff and participants. As of Tuesday, August 25, 2020, the decision has been made regarding the following programs with start dates remaining as scheduled.

Fall Programs that will be running:

- **MS Cross Country** - this program will begin on Tuesday, September 1st at 3:15 pm. Participants should meet at the HS track. The details of the program will be discussed at this meeting.
- **Dance** - this program will use the MS and HS classrooms as scheduled. The possibility and format for the Spring recital will be evaluated closer to the scheduled date.
- **SMAC (South Milwaukee Aquatic Club (SMAC))** - this program will run with minimizing the number of swimmers allowed in the pool at one time. Practice schedule will be set-up based on the number of enrollments.
- **Swim Lessons** - this program will run with minimizing the number of swimmers allowed in the pool at one time.

- **Youth Rocket Soccer Camp** - this program will be run outside.. If weather does not permit this, the session will be cancelled for that day.
- **Softball Pitching Camp** - this program will be held at South Milwaukee Little League Park, Diamond #2. There will be no sharing of softballs and each player must have their own catcher.

We are making plans to offer the following programs in the Spring of 2021. Much of this will be based on facility availability and the COVID-19 safety protocols that would be in place at that time.

- **Youth Tackle Football** - Spring 2021 season
- **Youth Flag Football** - there is a possibility this could be a Spring or Summer program
- **Youth Volleyball** - there is a possibility this could be a Spring or Summer program

We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding waiting for decisions to be made. We will be issuing full refunds through the Business Office. We look forward to welcoming each of you back when the Winter and Spring programming registrations begin. Please visit our website, [www.smrecdept.org](http://www.smrecdept.org) for up to date information. If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation Department office at 414-766-5081.

Sincerely,

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