

Dear Prospective Tennis Player,

The Boys Tennis season is right around the corner. You are receiving this letter because you have expressed interest in playing Varsity or Junior Varsity tennis. If you do intend to try out for the teams, there is some important information you must take action on before the start of the season.

Prior to the first day of the season (March 5<sup>th</sup>) every player must have completed the proper paperwork to ensure eligibility. **No player is permitted to tryout or practice without first fulfilling this simple requirement.** Please visit <u>http://www.fcasdathletics.org</u> and click on the "Register Now" button to complete your athletic registration online via Family ID. Next, download sections 5 & 6 of the Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE) as part of the registration process. Take the CIPPE forms with you to your physical exam to be completed and signed by a medical professional. Once completed, turn in both sections of the CIPPE form to the Athletic Office, fulfilling your eligibility requirements. If you have already completed a physical for fall or winter sports you do not need another one but you must still complete the Family ID registration. Any questions or problems with the process, please contact the Athletic Office directly at 412-967-2420. **The last day to register for spring sports is Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**.

The first day of Boys Tennis is Monday, March 5, 2016. Regardless of the weather we will meet at the high school tennis courts at 2:45 beginning with a team meeting, discuss the tryout process, and either begin tryouts or start conditioning. Players should come prepared including appropriate attire for the weather, tennis rackets and a water bottle.

The Varsity team will be comprised of the top 10 players who earn their spot through competition. The Junior Varsity team will be comprised of 10 underclassmen who earn their spot through competition. It is strongly encouraged that you train both on and off the court all year long. I intend to build a culture that instills a strong work ethic, pursuit of excellence, and love for competition that will serve you well on the court and in your life. In the process of building, training, and competing in that culture you will learn some of life's greatest lessons, get the most out of your abilities, and winning will take care of itself.

We look forward to what we hope will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> fun-filled and competitive season of Boys Tennis at Fox Chapel. If you have questions or would like to join the email list to receive updates please feel free to contact me via email at <u>Alexander Slezak@fcasd.edu</u>.

Best,

Coach Alex Slezak

Assistant Coach Bryan Deal