



Cooperstown Central School District
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To Cooperstown students and families,

It is my hope that this message finds you healthy and well. The purpose of this correspondence is to introduce myself and to share some very important information about athletics and extracurricular activities here at Cooperstown Central School. My name is Vince Spruill, and I am the Interim Coordinator of Athletics and Extra circular activities and District Data Support. I am very excited to be here, and to work for and with all of our students, families, and the Hawkeye community.

As we await review from the Department of Health regarding becoming compliant with all of the requirements involved in moving forward with high-risk winter sport practice and competitions, some of which require the creation of safety and action, we will be moving forward with our open gym concept/program. This concept was discussed, and early preparations were made, during the November Board meeting. Unfortunately, the concept was ultimately put on hold due to the need to switch to a full remote instructional model.

Please be advised that the open gym concept/program is presently open to all students, both hybrid and remote, in grades 7-12. These programs will focus on skill development, athletic movements & general aerobic and anaerobic activities. The following requirements must be met for this program to be successful:

Open gym will follow all health and safety protocols which include:

- Sessions will be limited to 2 hours in length per group.
- All schools rules for participation in extracurricular activities will be in place
- There will be participation waivers that all students and parents will be required to sign
- Masks are to be worn at all times unless a student has a documented medical condition prohibiting this. (copies of the documentation must be provided)
- There will be no use of locker rooms
- All participants are to sanitize or wash hands prior to entering the gym
- Participants are encouraged to use their own personal athletic equipment
- There will be designated entrance and exit doors for the gym.
- Only one participant will be allowed to use a restroom at a time.
- The use of the district screening tool will be required before participation in any activity
- Participants are responsible for getting themselves to practice if they are not scheduled to be in the building that day. We ask parents to pick-up their children on time so there is no lingering around after their block.
- There will be no scrimmaging/games/or other activities that will require close physical contact

Requirements for our volunteer coaches will include:

- Enter all participants in the daily logbook including which coaches are there for the session.
- All equipment to be sanitized after use.
- Coaches must wear masks at ALL TIMES.)
- Require all participants to use of the district screening tool
- Require a temperature check for every volunteer and student prior to participation

Please be advised that these requirements are for the Open Gym/conditioning program as has been stated. This is not for scrimmaging/playing games, etc., until we have more information from the DOH and meet all requirements of the County DOH with which we are working at this time. Once again, we are always looking to do things safely, efficiently, and responsibly. The health and safety of the Hawkeye community being paramount.

The open gym schedule and sign-ups will be released in the near future. We will also be looking to implement activities other than our traditional sports and activities that will involve elementary aged students.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting and working with you as we move forward in our efforts to provide extracurricular activities for our students.

Sincerely yours,

Vince Spruill

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