Dear O.L. Smith Viking Community,

On behalf of the O.L. Smith Athletic Department, I welcome all students to participate in our sports programs.  Sports are an excellent way to grow emotionally as an individual.  As an athlete myself, in middle school and high school, I know that athletics played a major role in helping prepare me for college and the adult world. Because of sports, the lessons of my coaches, and the games I played, I developed skills in time management, problem solving, delegation, motivation, and team building. Our athletic administration, staff and coaches are committed to providing a challenging, supportive and caring environment where our student-athletes can reach their academic, athletic, and personal potential.

Here in Viking country, the athletic program offers 8 sports for our students.  These programs play an essential role in teaching our young men and women to conduct themselves with honesty and integrity, strive for excellence, persevere through adversity, make sacrifices and compete with dignity and pride while developing a commitment to teamwork and service to our school and community.

As a member of the Smith athletic family, our expectations/code of conduct for all athletes is as follows:

1. All athletes are required to have a MHSAA sport’s physical on or after April 15, 2019, in order to be eligible to tryout.
2. As a student athlete, you have academic and athletic responsibilities. An athlete’s GPA is no lower than a 2.0. Study, go to class, practice hard, and do your best to excel.
3. Remember that you are an ambassador for everyone who attends our school.  How you act and react to situations reflects not only on you, but also on your parents and peers.
4. Act responsibly as you represent our school district.
5. Take pride in the opportunity to represent all of us in a first class manner.

We expect our coaches, athletes and spectators to conduct themselves in a manner that shows respect and sportsmanship when we interact with opposing teams, coaches, fans and contest officials. On the back of this letter are the sports Smith middle school offers for the 2019/2020 school year.

Any further questions or concerns can be directed to myself, Erin Sisty, athletic director for Smith middle school!

Respectfully yours,

Erin Sisty

Fall Season Sports:

1. Football Tryouts (7th & 8th grade only)

\*Practice begins Tuesday 8/27

 2. Volleyball tryouts Wednesday 8/28 & Thursday 8/29

 \*Practice begins Tuesday 9/3

Winter 1 Sports:

1. Boy’s Basketball Tryouts Monday 10/28 & Tuesday 10/29

\*Practice begins Wednesday 10/30

 2. Girl’s swimming Tryouts Monday 10/28 & Tuesday 10/29

 \*Practice begins Wednesday 10/30

Winter 2 Sports:

1. Girl’s Basketball Tryouts

\*Practice begins

 2. Boy’s swimming Tryouts

\*Practice begins

Spring Sports:

1. Girl’s Track Tryouts

\*Practice begins

 2. Boy’s Track Tryouts

 \*Practice begins