BHS Athletics Update - April 20, 2020 - COVID 19

Spring Sports - Today Governor DeWine announced that Ohio schools will remain closed for the rest of the school year. That means that Ohio's school buildings will remain closed but that remote learning will continue. The OHSAA has made it clear that if Governor DeWine closes Ohio schools for the rest of the school year then all spring sports in Ohio will be canceled. The OHSAA will give us more info on this in the coming days.

Stadium Lights on for the Class of 2020 - Last week (Thursday) Bellbrook HS and the SWBL took part in the national "Be the Light" movement (link to pics). Miami Valley South Stadium lights and the Softball Field's lights were turned on at 8:20pm (20:20) for 20 minutes in honor of the Class of 2020.

Academic Eligibility - Please check out this fact sheet from our Principal, Dave Hann that answers a lot of questions. This sheet was recently emailed to all BHS parents. We will have grades for the 4th quarter and those grades will determine eligibility for fall sports.

Uniform/Equipment Turn In, Varsity Letters, Academic Awards & Pictures/Spirit Wear - All spring senior athletes will be issued a varsity letter. For the underclassmen, we are looking at this team by team. For the most part, if you are currently on the varsity team or earned a varsity letter in your sport last spring, you will be issued a varsity letter this spring. You can imagine, this is easier to figure out for some sports than others. Over the next couple of weeks we will be organizing the varsity letters, academic awards and team pictures. We will then deliver these things to the spring head coaches. Your head coach will set up a time to meet the team members in a parking lot to swap the awards/pictures/spirit wear for your uniform/equipment. You will not be given your awards/pictures/spirit wear unless you turn in your uniform/equipment.

Participation Fees - We will roll over participation fees into athletes' (or siblings) next season sport. Example: Track fees will get applied to football. Reminder, the results of the school levy will determine the participation fees for the next school year (\$200 or \$300 depending on the passage of the levy). The \$150 fee that was paid this spring will only cover a portion of the fees next school year. For seniors, we can roll the fees over to a younger sibling. If the senior does not have a younger sibling then we will issue a refund. Obviously we would prefer to roll fees over to future sports but can definitely issue refunds for anyone that needs them. If you do not want us to roll over your participation fee, you must notify Tamara Cary by email (tamara.cary@bss.k12.oh.us) by May 3. Refunds will be issued in the form of checks that will be mailed to the athlete's address listed in Final Forms.

Spring Sports Senior Recognition Video - Here is a link to a video that explains the process.

All spring sports seniors and their parents have received an email with this info.

In your video, make sure you include these things: 1) Your name and sport 2) Names of parents in video 3) Favorite memory from your HS sport. I need the videos by Sunday (4/26). Make sure you film with your phone in horizontal/landscape mode. Email me (charlie.odell@bss.k12.oh.us) the video or share it in Google Drive.

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Mulch Sale for the Boys Basketball Program - Going on NOW!

The mulch is \$4/bag and will be delivered on May 8 and 9.

Here is a link to the info flyer. Delivery is FREE with a 13 bag purchase (10-mile max).

Order online with a credit card (link) or send a check (made out to Bellbrook Athletics) to

Boys Basketball Mulch Sale

Boys Basketball Mulch Sale 3737 Upper Bellbrook Road Bellbrook, OH 45305

College Signings (all sports) - Seniors, if you are planning on playing a sport in college next year and have committed since our signing night in February we want to recognize your achievement! Simply go through the signing at your house and send me the pictures/video. I will post it on our social media accounts. My email address is charlie.odell@bss.k12.oh.us

Voting/Election - All registered voters in Ohio have received a mailer that they can mail back to request an absentee ballot. Here is a link to the absentee ballot request if you lost your mailer. Absentee ballots will then be mailed to you and you must get them returned to the Board of Elections by April 28 (postmarked by April 27).

Updated Levy Info Poster Reminder of cuts to the HS athletic department if the levy does not pass.

All Sports - The OHSAA has also stated that they are looking at adjusting the schedule for all sports in June and July....TBD

Summer Camps - We may have to adjust our youth camps and team camps that are held in June and July, especially the ones that are held in June....TBD

Home Training with PLT4M - This is a great option for at home workouts!

More Home Training - Here is a Google Doc with more suggestions.

Sponsors - Without our sponsors, we could not have the great programs that we do. <u>Here is a list of specials some of our sponsors are currently running. Here is another list of our sponsors at the stadium and in the gyms. <u>Here is yet another list!</u> <u>And another!</u> Please consider supporting them!</u>

Facilities 100% Closed - Our athletic facilities will remain closed until further notice. This includes the weight room, all gyms, all practice fields, the baseball field, batting cage, softball field & Miami Valley South Stadium. **Please do NOT jump the fence!** We will not be able to open our facilities until Ohio enters Phase 2 or 3 of our state's reopening plan. This may take quite some time.....TBD

I will send out more information as I receive it.

Please, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Remember: Tough Times Don't Last, Tough People Do! -Charlie