



Prior Lake Lakers High School Activities

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Dear PLHS Student Body,

This week the fall athletic landscape changed dramatically when the MSHSL added Football and Volleyball to the late fall schedule. I am reaching out to our student body to apologize that we will not be able to have students attend any of our football or volleyball games home or away, due to safety guidelines.

I am saddened by this very much and wish it was different. I love the atmosphere at our home football games. The large, spirited crowds, the super fans and the halftime entertainment provided by our dance team and marching band creates the best game experience in all of Minnesota. Unfortunately, based on MN Dept. of Health requirements for events, we are only allowed 250 fans at our outdoor stadium. We have to provide 125 tickets to the visiting team. We are providing Laker football player families preference for the remaining 125 tickets.

As sad as I am about no students attending the games, it is important to put this into the context of all of the sacrifices that our athletes and families have made this fall.

1. Cross Country parent and student spectators are not allowed to attend races.
2. Girls Swimming has no fans/parents attending meets. Our swim team has run their meets virtually with the opposing teams swimming in their home pools.
3. Volleyball is not permitted to have any students or parents in attendance.
4. Tennis spectators are limited to just 2 per athlete and must sit outside the 12 foot fence.
5. Soccer game attendance is also limited to 250 total spectators.

As disappointing as all of this is, it is exciting after six months of this pandemic that all of our fall student athletes have a chance to play the sports they love and have trained hard for this past summer.

I am asking for your help. Our goal is to get our fall sports teams to the end of their seasons without disruption because of a COVID-19 outbreak. You can help by wearing your masks, social distancing and not being present on campus during any volleyball or football games. Please honor your fellow classmates by staying home and staying safe. We will provide a link to watch our varsity football and volleyball games online.

Thanks,

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