

August 9, 2021

Dear Cross-Country Parents:

Welcome to the 2021 Montrose Middle School cross country season. The season begins on August 24 and concludes on October 16. Practices will be after school at Columbine Middle School from approximately 3:45-5:00 each day. We'll meet in Rotary Park by the gazebo. Centennial students will run to Columbine as a team after school for a warmup run and then parents can pick up their kids from Columbine once practice ends. Days prior to meets we may get out a little earlier (approximately 4:50). Athletes must have a current physical (within the past 12 months) on file and pay a \$50 fee in order to participate. Each athlete also needs to have emergency contact information on file in the office. Students can pick up an athletic packet at the front office that has all the required paperwork. The money goes towards transportation to meets, uniforms and other expenses. If you have any questions, please contact the Columbine or Centennial office.

Everyone who comes out for cross country will be given the opportunity to compete in meets. In order to compete, students must be at all practices unless otherwise excused by a coach and must be able to run at least a 15-minute mile. Missing practice jeopardizes competing in the next meet. Students with more than two unexcused practices will no longer be on the team. Students must also remain eligible in order to compete. Eligibility checks are done every week. To remain eligible, a student must have no F's in any class and have no discipline referrals. The dates of the meets are as follows:

Sept 3	Hotchkiss
Sept 17	Ridgway (Ridgway Reservoir)
Sept 18	Gunnison
Sept 24	Delta (Sweitzer Lake)
Oct 2	Delta (Confluence Park)
Oct 16	Montrose (Rotary Park)

Please note that the above dates and times are subject to change. Prior to each meet students will be given a letter to bring home with more specific details about each meet. Boys and girls compete separately in all of the above meets. You may also find updated info on our team website at [http://cms.mcsd.org/athletics/montrose\\_middle\\_school\\_cross\\_country](http://cms.mcsd.org/athletics/montrose_middle_school_cross_country) or by signing up for Remind.

Races are approximately one and a half to two miles in length. Cross country is a sport that emphasizes sportsmanship, teamwork and a good work ethic. Students who participate are expected to meet these high ideals and become positive leaders and role models for others to follow. The coaches value your support of this goal. If you have any questions about cross country please feel to contact us at CMS or CTMS during normal school hours.

Sincerely,

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Montrose MS Coaches