

# Welcome to Middle School Athletics

Parent Information Meeting

5/19/2022

McDowell Auditorium

7:00 PM

Principal - Bret King

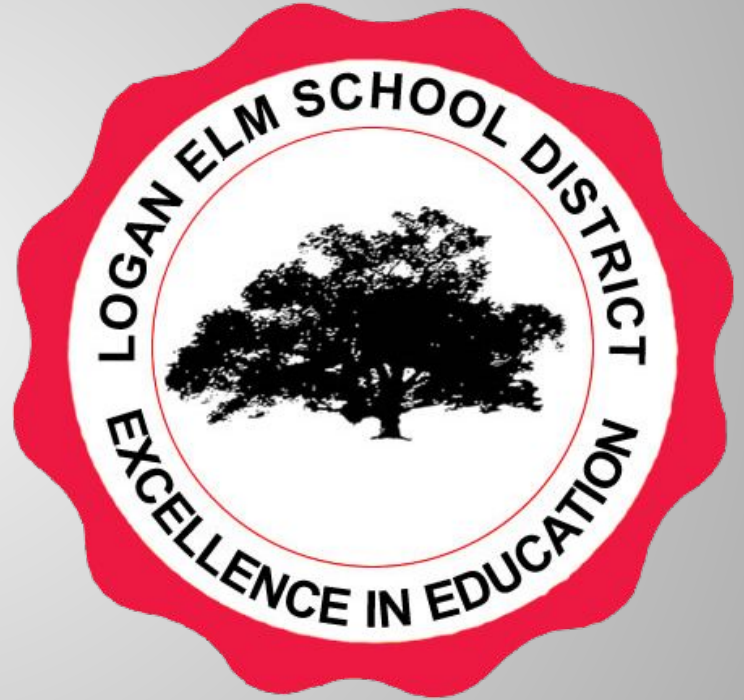
Athletic Director - Nate Dropsey

Secretary - Cheryl Arnett



# Welcome!!

- Introduction
- Athletic Vision and Philosophy
- Getting Up to Speed
- For Your Season
- Parent and Student Expectations
- Athletic Training
- Athletic Booster Program
- Wrap Up



# Ohio High School Athletic Association



## Important Information

- The OHSAA oversees all of Middle School and High School sports for the State of Ohio
- Logan Elm works in conjunction with OHSAA to ensure that all coaches and athletes have met the requirements to be eligible to participate in HS/MS athletics
- We follow and implement all policies and decisions set by the OHSAA

## Online Resource

- The OHSAA website is: [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)
- You can find all of the general sport regulations and specific sport regulations on this website

# Foundations of LE Middle School Athletics

## Philosophy of the Athletic Department:

To Promote, Support, Enhance and Develop all of the athletic programs that are part of Logan Elm Middle School.

To operate with a high degree of Reliability, Trust, Integrity, and Respect

# Middle School Athletic Vision

## Physical Resources

Prepare a fiscal responsible budget and forecast

Fundraising Opportunities

Optimize available space, time and location

## People Development

Build a team of coaches with strong core values

Provide each coaching team member with the necessary resources to be successful

Ensure coaching team members have the most current understanding of rules and regulations

## Internal Processes

Commitment to the development of student-athletes

Scheduling of games and events

Promotion of programs in the community

Provide leadership opportunities to athletes

## Competencies

Responsibility to Administration, Coaches, Student-Athletes and Community

Be a Trusted, Respected and Loyal program (OHSAA rules compliance)

Understand the regulations and bylaws

# Philosophy of our Athletic Programs

- Our belief is that our middle school athletic programs are designed to provide learning experiences that help prepare our student-athletes for the high school programs
- Our belief is that our middle school athletic programs are designed to provide our student-athletes with Time Management, Organization, Teamwork and Accountability
- Our belief is to get as many student-athletes involved in our programs as possible
- Our belief is to not only teach the skills necessary for competitive competition but teach the skills necessary to create well rounded and high character young people

# Philosophy of our Athletic Programs

- We expect our student-athletes to be leaders in the school, on the field and in the community
- We expect our student-athletes to follow school rules, portray themselves in a positive manner in school and in the community and represent Logan Elm in a positive manner
- We expect our student-athletes to be role models for others in the school
- We expect our student-athletes to hold themselves to high standards and expectations

# 2021-2022 Athletic Program Information

Grade Level	1 Sport	2 Sports	3 Sports	Total Number of Student-Athletes
7th Grade	24	18	15	57
8th Grade	29	20	12	61

**WE WANT AND NEED MORE STUDENTS INVOLVED IN  
OUR PROGRAMS!!!**



# Logan Elm Middle School - Sports Offered

Fall	Winter	Spring
Cheerleading Cross Country Golf (Club-Sport) Football Volleyball	Cheerleading Boys Basketball Girls Basketball Wrestling	Baseball Softball Track & Field

The following sports **will have** tryouts and cuts:

Cheerleading, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball

# Requirements to Participate in Middle School Sports

- Must be completed prior to the first day of tryouts/practice
  - Valid Pre-Participation Physical  
([https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports-Medicine/2022-23PPE\(English\).pdf](https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports-Medicine/2022-23PPE(English).pdf))
  - All Final Forms must be completed (<https://www.loganelmsports.com/final-forms>)
- Academic Eligibility
  - Incoming 7th graders are all eligible to participate in the fall
  - Incoming 8th graders cannot have 2 failing grades on their fourth quarter report card of their 7th grade academic year
  - Grade Checks begin at the interim of the 1st quarter (If a student-athlete has two or more failing grades they are ineligible until they get all but one up to a passing grade)
  - If a student has two failing grades at the end of a quarter, they are ineligible for the entire next quarter

# Requirements to Participate in Middle School Sports

- School Day Eligibility
  - Students must be in school by 8:30 AM the day after a game or they are ineligible for the next game
  - If there is a pre-excused form completed or doctors note - They are eligible for the next game
- Athletic Sports Fee
  - Each student-athlete is responsible for paying a \$60 sports fee per sport with a total of no more than \$120 for the year (3rd sport is free)
  - This fee is for transportation not for other operating expenses
  - Student-athletes that are on free/reduced lunch will receive free/reduced sports fees
- Discipline Issues
  - Our student-athletes are held to a high standard and if there are continual discipline issues or a severe discipline issue, the student will be removed from their team
  - In School disciplinary actions can carry over to Athletic consequences

# What to Expect from the Athletic Director

- Oversee the entirety of the Middle School Athletic Programs
- Provide Coaches with the necessary information, equipment, uniforms and resources needed to successfully run their programs
- Treat all situations with respect and handle issues and concerns in a timely and professional manner
- Do what is best for both the student-athlete and the Middle School Athletic Program

# What to Expect from the Coach

- Communicating through the Remind App with families
- Providing families with a paper copy of a practice schedule and game schedule
- Having a daily practice plan
- Making sure each athlete is given the necessary equipment and uniforms
- Scheduling parents to work the concession stand and scoreboards
- Scheduling parents to work bingo (if it falls during your season)
- Providing high quality instruction daily to the student-athletes
- Providing feedback to each student-athlete throughout the season
- Providing student-athletes with experiences that allow them to learn hard work, determination, teamwork and leadership skills

# What We Expect From Families

- We expect families to treat Coaches, Administrators, Student-Athletes, Officials, Opposing Spectators and Event Workers with Courtesy and Respect
- We expect families to help provide a positive experience for all of our student-athletes
- We expect families to represent Logan Elm in a positive manner

# Ticketing Information

- Home Events
  - Hometown Ticketing (Online Ticketing)
  - Possibility of Credit Card Machines
  - NO CASH will be accepted next year
  - There will be passes that will be available for a discounted price (Beginning this August)
- Away Events
  - HomeTown Ticketing (Most schools are using this)
  - Some schools will accept credit cards
  - Most schools are NOT Accepting Cash
  - These things will be communicated with families prior to each away event

# Where to Locate Information

- McDowell Website - [https://www.loganelm.org/mcdowellmiddleschool\\_home.aspx](https://www.loganelm.org/mcdowellmiddleschool_home.aspx)
- McDowell Twitter Account - @mcdowell\_ms
- Logan Elm Athletic Website - <https://www.loganelmsports.com/>



# Tryouts, Cuts and Playing Time

- Tryouts and Cuts
  - There are some sports that have tryouts and cuts
  - Tryouts are mandatory to be present at
  - Cuts are difficult but coaches will always do their best to do it in a respectful and considerate manner
- Playing Time will not be equal and it is not guaranteed
  - There will be student-athletes that play more than others and there will be times that student-athletes do not get into a game
  - We know and understand that student-athletes at the middle school level need game time experience and our goal is to give each athlete that opportunity but there are times and situations where it may not be possible

# Chain of Command

## Self-Advocacy Step 1

We feel that it is important for student-athletes to begin to learn to advocate for themselves.

We ask each student-athlete that has questions or concerns to meet with the coach before or after a practice to talk with them.

## Parent Meeting Step 2

If the student-athlete and the coach cannot answer all of concerns and questions, the next step would be for the parents to schedule a meeting that is to occur ONLY after a practice to discuss the issue.

Coaches are instructed NOT to meet with parents before or after a game.

## Meet with Athletic Director Step 3

If the parents and the coach cannot come to an understanding the final step is to schedule a meeting with the Athletic Director. Many times, the building principal will also be invited to this meeting. The Athletic Director will not address playing time or coaching strategies with any parents.

# 24/7 for 365

- Athletics is a 24 hour, 7 day a week and 365 day commitment
- Issues that occur outside of the school day and outside of the season can still affect the student athletes seasons
- Social Media is the cause of 90% of disciplinary action
- Vaping Issues
- Be sure to read the Student-Athletic Handbook and understand how discipline is handled
- Athletics is a Privilege, not a Right



# Meet the Athletic Trainer

- Caleb Betz
  - 2010 Graduate of Logan Elm High School
  - Employed through Ohio Health
  - 7 Years as our Athletic Trainer
  - [caleb.betz@ohiohealth.com](mailto:caleb.betz@ohiohealth.com)



# Athletic Boosters

2022-2023 School Year

- President - Marsha Few
- Vice President - Greg Bryant
- Secretary - Stacy Braun
- Treasurer - Jay Elsea
- Facility Liaison - Dan Bise
- Bingo - Kim Manson & Becky Heeter
- Concessions - Misti Allison

# 2022-2023 Athletic Schedules

The 2022-2023 Athletic Schedules can be found at the following website. They will be updated throughout the summer and throughout the beginning of the school year.

<https://www.loganelmsports.com/mcdowellsports>

**ALL FALL SPORTS THAT ARE SCHOOL SPONSORED (FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, CROSS COUNTRY AND CHEER) ARE ABLE TO BEGIN PRACTICES ON AUGUST 1, 2022**

**CLUB GOLF WILL BE STARTING ON JULY 18, 2022**

# Conclusion

- We want our student athletes to have fun within our programs
- We want to encourage and embrace our young people joining our athletic programs
- We want to set the standard for sportsmanship, ethics and integrity within our programs
- We want to represent Logan Elm in a positive manner



ANY  
QUESTIONS?

