

Greetings Families & Student Athletes,

September 5, 2017

Welcome to the Kulshan Middle Boys Soccer! We, Kel Henry and Nikhil Aman, are excited to be coaching boys' soccer. We both have a passion for playing the game of soccer and for working with middle school students. In addition to being engaged participants, our student athletes are expected represent our school with Thunderbird pride by being respectful, responsible role models both on and off the field. Please take time to review the following expectations with your child to ensure a successful season. We hope to see you cheering for your player and the Kulshan Thunderbirds at games!

Sincerely,

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Student Athlete Expectations

The basic expectation of players is respect; respect for teammates, coaches, officials, parents, and the game. Players are always encouraged to ask questions, raise concerns, and make suggestions. Players are also reminded that they are students first and athletes second. Coaches will be checking in with teachers, staff and administration on occasion to make sure everyone is up to date with their stamp checks and demonstrating good citizenship.

Attendance

Players are responsible for communicating with their coaches in advance if they must miss a practice and are required to provide coaches with a note or email from a parent/guardian before or upon their return. District policy states that students must attend a minimum of 8 practices to be eligible to participate in a game or meet. Students are also required to attend practice the day before a game or meet and to be present at school the day of a game or meet to be eligible to participate. Students are expected to have consistent attendance thereafter as the sports season is short, it is important for players to attend practices and to build skills and learn how to work together as a team. Valid reasons for missing practice include illness and/or making prior arrangements for early dismissal for other school sport practices.

Practice Policy and Practice Pick-up

Practices will take place from **4:00–5:25 PM at Kulshan Middle School, Monday–Friday**, with the exception of the early release Thursdays, non-school Fridays and holidays. **Please pick students up no later than 5:30 PM. Due to the large number of student athletes, we have divided pick up locations. Coaches will walk soccer players to the lower loop lot for pick up while track players will be picked up in the back lot. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLE LOOP!** If allowing your student to go home with a friend or other adult, please provide the coach with written permission.

Game/Meet Schedule

A complete game schedule can be found on the Kulshan Website, under Athletics. A paper copy will also be sent home with students. Check the Calendar Preview and Daily Bulletin on our home game for a quick and up-to-date look at upcoming games and events. Any schedule change will be announced at practice, over the intercom, announcements and through School Messenger.

Transportation to and from Games

Students are required to ride the bus to games. A bus will be available to bring students back to Kulshan if needed. If you wish to take your athlete home from an away game or meet, it is very important that you **check- out with one of the coaches first**. To ensure the safety of our players, unless a student has a written or e-mailed note, we cannot allow them to go home with anyone other than their parent or guardian. They must instead take the bus back to Kulshan.

Thank you! Please contact coaches with any further questions. Go Thunderbirds!

Bellingham School District Middle School Sports 2016-2017

Soccer B – Girls' and Boys' 6TH-7TH First Practice – Tuesday, 9/5/17

[8th practice = Mon. 9/18/17]

Match	Location	Schools	Event	Date / Thursdays
1	Fairhaven	WMS @ FMS	Dual Match	September 28
1	Shuksan	KMS @ SMS	Dual Match	September 28
2	Whatcom	SMS @ WMS	Dual Match	October 5
2	Fairhaven	KMS @ FMS	Dual Match	October 5
3	Shuksan	FMS @ SMS	Dual Match	October 12
3	Whatcom	KMS @ WMS	Dual Match	October 12

Tournament

Boys B Shuksan	All Schools	Tournament	October 26
Girls B Whatcom	All Schools	Tournament	October 26
Last day of season			Friday, October 27th

Soccer A – Girls' and Boys' 7TH-8TH First Practice – Tuesday, 9/5/17

[8th practice = Mon. 9/18/17]

Match	Location	Schools	Event	Date / Fridays
1	Fairhaven	WMS @ FMS	Dual Match	September 29
1	Shuksan	KMS @ SMS	Dual Match	September 29
2	Whatcom	SMS @ WMS	Dual Match	October 6
2	Fairhaven	KMS @ FMS	Dual Match	October 6
3	Shuksan	FMS @ SMS	Dual Match	October 13
3	Whatcom	KMS @ WMS	Dual Match	October 13

Tournament

Boys A Shuksan	All Schools	Tournament	October 27
Girls A Whatcom	All Schools	Tournament	October 27
Last day of season			Friday, October 27th