

Cortland Tigers Athletics
Parent Meeting
Fall 2020

Hi everyone,

I am Matt Wood, the new Director of Athletics and Physical Education.

I am so excited to be here in Cortland. I am proud to be working with an athletic community full of athletic tradition. I look forward to meeting all of you at athletic contests throughout the year.

I created this document to review important information related to our current season.

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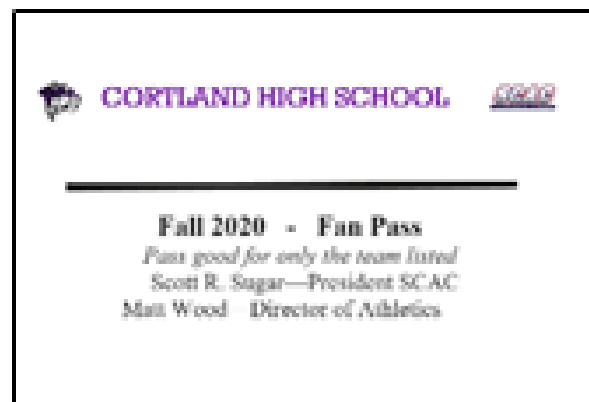
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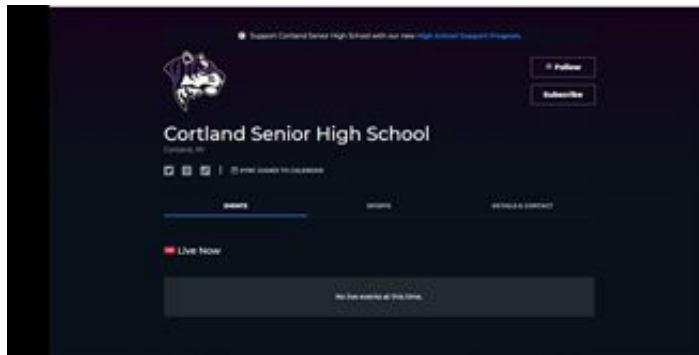
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COVID-19 related changes:

We have been given a golden opportunity to have athletics during the pandemic. Our district is taking the safety of our student athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators very seriously. We are adhering strictly to the guidance we have received from NYSDOH and NYSPHSAA. We are working to keep our students safe and preserve our ability to provide athletics. Guidelines must be followed or athletics could be shut down at any time. Below is a list of some of the guidelines particularly important to our Athletes and Parents.

- Games have a **limit of two spectators per athlete** (No Exceptions) according to the NYSDOH
 - Each athlete will receive two spectator passes that will be required to enter games (home and away).
Note: **Oswego is not allowing any spectators.**
 - Please be flexible and cooperative when visiting other school districts. Procedures will vary. Remember these are required to be able to provide athletic opportunities.
 - We will be streaming all games in our stadium on the [NFHS Network](#).





- Our stadium and practices in general are closed to the public. Please do not enter the stadium area or the playing fields.
- There will be a station at each game site to sign-in for screening and contact tracing requirements. Each school will be asking some health questions and asking for your name and phone number. Two options will be available:
 - QR Code from your phone
 - Handwritten forms will be available
- Athletes Screening
 - All Athletes are having temperature checks to begin practice
 - If your Child has a temperature of over 100.0 degrees or demonstrates symptoms of COVID:
 - You will be notified immediately to pick them up and will receive instructions from the nurse the next morning



Student-Athletes attendance in school and being on-time to school and classes is required

for participation in athletics each day. Legal excuses, such as Doctor's appointments, are acceptable.

Playing time issues should be handled between coaches and athletes. Athletes should wait 24 hours after a game to discuss this with their coach. If problems still exist the athlete can schedule a time to meet with the athletic director.

Grades and remediation process

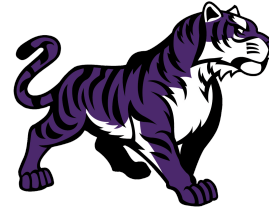
Academics come before Athletics. Students need to be in good standing academically to be eligible for athletics.

- If failing one course at five weeks:

- Probation for 2 weeks: Continue to practice and play while working to raise grades
- If failing 2 or more courses:
 - The athlete will sit out of games for two weeks. If still failing after two weeks the student will need to sign a remediation agreement with the Athletic Director to resume play.

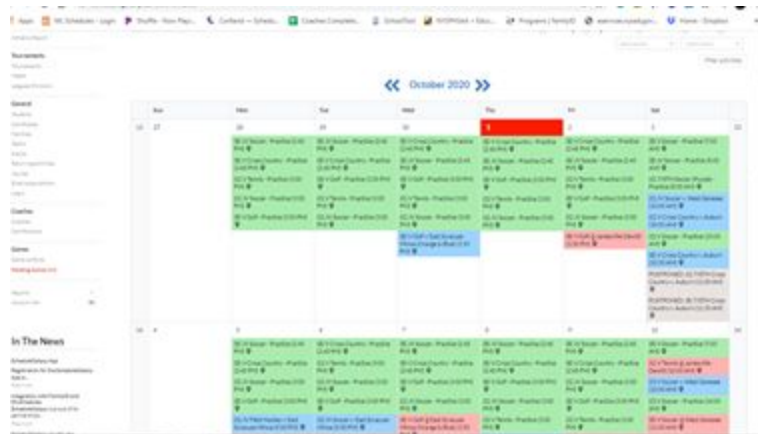
Representing Cortland

Student-Athletes must also conduct themselves appropriately both in and out of school activities in order to remain eligible for Athletics. Participation in our sports programs is a privilege, not a right. Please speak with your athletes and remind them now more than ever we must hold ourselves to a high standard.



Game Schedules

[Schedule Galaxy](#) is used by our league to schedule athletic events. Please visit our website for links to Schedule Galaxy and more. You can sign-up for automatic schedule updates on Schedule Galaxy as well.



Practice Schedules:

Weekly practice schedules can be found on our Athletics webpage as well.

(Weekly practice schedules are the second tab on the left side)

Future Information:

Your coaches will be messaging you important information throughout the season. Please pay special attention to these messages. Our Athletic webpage has a great deal of information as well. Please take time to browse our [webpage](#).

The [Parent-Athlete Handbook](#) can be found on our website. Please take a moment to review this information with your child. The link below contains a form to complete confirming you have read and understand the handbook.

Parents need to read and complete this [form](#).

The screenshot shows the Athletics section of the Cortland Enlarged City School District website. The header includes the district name and navigation tabs for Quick Links, Schools, District Offices, Arts, and Athletics. A sidebar on the left lists various links such as Athletic Department Home Page, Weekly Practice Schedules, FamilyID, Schedule Galaxy, and Student-Athlete Participation Information. The main content area features a large purple 'C' logo and the title 'Student-Athlete Participation Information'. Below this, there are several sections: 'Student-Athlete/Parent/Guardian Handbook' with a link to the handbook; 'Sports Registration Information' with a link to the registration page; 'Concussion Management Form', 'Pre-Participation Evaluation Information Form', and 'Health History (Assessal) Form and Interval Health History for Sports Participation'; 'Schedule Galaxy' with a link to the schedule; 'Travel Release Form' with a link to the release form; and 'Additional Resources' with links to College-Bound Student-Athletes, NCAA Eligibility Center, NYSPHSAA, and Section III.