

CHEVERUS

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Dear Cheverus Community,

As you may be aware, yesterday the Maine Principals Association (MPA) updated its guidance for school athletics and activities under a “Yellow” categorization. I’m writing to detail what this means for our students and our calendar over the weeks to come, the specifics of which are listed below this letter. While we are excited for our students, coaches and moderators to resume their activities, we also want to make sure that our return to play is rolled out in a safe and thoughtful manner.

Many of our teams still need to hold tryouts, and all of our teams need time to assess our students’ readiness for game play. Though many students have been practicing and playing outside of Cheverus during the last four weeks not all have, and so we will use the coming days and weeks to assess their conditioning level while also putting together offensive and defensive plays, strategies and everything else that goes into game prep. It is also worth noting that all of our teams, clubs and activities will be following our Cheverus Return to Play guidelines as well as the MPA Winter Sports guidelines.

I have frequently ended my letters and emails over the past year with comments about the importance of safety in our school community. We have all been reminded over the past month about the role that our Athletic teams, clubs and activities play in the social, emotional and physical health of our students. Many thanks to our Athletic department for being ready to meet these needs.

Go Stags!
John Moran

Athletic Team Practices & Tryouts: We will resume practices/tryouts on **Monday, January 25**. More detailed information regarding times and locations will be forthcoming from our coaches.

Athletic Team Competitions: At this time, we are meeting with other schools in our league to coordinate our efforts. Obviously we cannot begin interscholastic competitions until other schools in our league are ready to compete. Though game schedules are posted on www.gostags.org through March 12, **all game dates and times should be considered tentative and subject to change.**

Other Clubs & Activities: The MPA decision also impacts our clubs and activities such as our Math Team, Ski Club, Outing Club and Drama Team. As with our Athletic teams, these clubs and activities are anxious to resume meeting in-person, and **information about meeting dates and times will be forthcoming from their moderators.**

Kairos & Catholic Schools Week: In last Sunday’s newsletter we posted two possible schedules for the week of February 1-5 (Catholic Schools Week). With this new guidance from the MPA, we have determined our **Winter Carnival** (February 3-4), **Bishop’s Holiday** (February 5) and **Kairos Retreat** (February 5-7) can take place as they are scheduled on our school calendar. Look for more details about our Winter Carnival days in our upcoming newsletters.