July 21, 2017

Dear Athletes,

The first day of practice for J.V. and Varsity athletes will be on Thursday, August 17, 2017 and the first day of practice for modified athletes will be on the first day of school, <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 5th, 2017</u>. Your coach will be communicating the details regarding practice times. In order to participate on any team at Sackets Harbor Central School, there is paperwork to complete and an online webinar to view. You <u>MAY NOT</u> begin practicing until all of the items below are fulfilled:

- 1. The Sackets Harbor Central School Athletic Code of Conduct needs to be reviewed and signed by both you and your parent/guardian.
- 2. Your physical needs to be current and confirmed by the school nurse prior to participating.
- 3. The Athletic Health History for Sports Participation form needs to be completed by your parent/guardian and reviewed by the school nurse prior to participating.
- 4. Your parent/guardian must complete the Emergency Information and Authorization form.
- 5. You and your parent must read all concussion-related documents and provide your signatures that you understand our school district's policies and procedures.
- 6. Student athletes and a parent/guardian must view the Sportsmanship Presentation which can be found on our school website. You must send an email to Mrs. Crandall at scrandall@sacketspatriots.org when you are finished so that she can give you credit for this requirement.

Note, student athlete and parent viewing of the yearly Sportsmanship Presentation is REQUIRED. The purpose of having student athletes and parents watch this presentation is to review sportsmanship expectations, review the Sackets Harbor Athletic Code of Conduct, and review the laws and regulations relating to head injuries and concussions. Should you have any questions following the viewing of the presentation, feel free to reach out to your child's coach or to me directly.

The above forms are enclosed. Student athletes were given Physical Forms last school year. If you need another copy, one can be found on our school website under "Departments-Health Services". The DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ALL OF THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK is August

<u>11th.</u> It is important that you realize that you will not be permitted to practice without **ALL** of these requirements fulfilled and we use a "Ticket to Play" as our tracking system. You may turn in paperwork anytime throughout the summer. Office hours are 7:30 am-3:00 pm. **No athlete will be allowed to participate in practice without a completed Ticket to Play!**

If you have any questions about the procedures necessary to participate in our athletic program, please feel free to call me directly at 646-3575 or email me at igaffney@sacketspatriots.org. Good luck this season!

Sincerely,

Ms. Gaffney
Superintendent/Athletic Director
Sackets Harbor Central School