December 11, 2022

We are excited to share that our basketball season will start on Tuesday, December 13 with a home game against Northwest Academy. The basketball schedule is attached to this message. As we begin basketball season, it is important to remind parents of the revised BCPS athletic event procedures that were effective on September 23, 2022. Below are the revised guidelines:

_Baltimore County Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all staff, students and spectators participating in athletic events. Athletic programs positively impact the community, and it is our expectation that student athlete and spectator behaviors reflect our core values of teamwork and sportsmanship._

**Effective Friday, September 23, 2022, the following changes will go into effect to enhance safety:**

- **Additional staff will be assigned to all secondary games, including safety assistants and staff from participating schools.**
- **Elementary and middle school students attending athletic events must be accompanied by an adult (18 years and older) and remain with the adult for the entire event.**
- **Once spectators have entered a game, there will be no readmittance if they choose to leave before the game has ended.**
- **Loitering at athletic events or on school grounds after the conclusion of the event will not be permitted.**
- **Students, staff, and members of the community engaging in violent or criminal behavior at a sporting event will be removed from the premises immediately and not be permitted to return to any BCPS campus for athletics or extra-curricular activities for a period of no less than 90 days. Students will be subject to serious school and legal consequences.**

Based on the new guidelines, **students may not attend a basketball game unless they are accompanied by an adult who is 18 or older and must remain with the adult for the entire event, there are no exceptions to this rule. Therefore, if your child would like to attend basketball games, they must be accompanied by an adult.**
In addition, below is information regarding ticket sells, as no tickets can be purchased at the event of any game, home or away.

1. Tickets will go on sale Monday morning
2. Tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for student K-12
3. Pikesville Student must be accompanied by a parent or an adult over 18 (no exceptions)
4. Tickets can only be purchased online at Ticket Spicket. No sales at the door.

Thank you for your support of our basketball teams as they embark on a new season.