

Athletics @ TDChristian 2020-21



In a regular school year, we would be planning for the start of Athletics. There would be an accompanying schedule with tryouts and practices for Boys Volleyball and Girls Basketball, and info about Cross Country starting on the first day of school. Unfortunately, that is currently not an option. We will continue to monitor what is permissible and do things at the school as it becomes safe to do so.

As we get into a rhythm at school, we will look into opening the gym outside of class time for things such as basketball, volleyball, and badminton. We will determine when soccer and ultimate become viable outdoors. Doing so will provide opportunities for students to keep up or further develop their skills and/or have something active to do outside of the classroom.

As a school, we compete in league play in the York Region Athletic Association (YRAA), which consists of schools in the York Region. The Public and Catholic District School Boards have cancelled all interschool sports until further notice. OFSAA Fall Championships have also been cancelled.

We also compete against other Christian schools as part of the Ontario Christian Secondary Schools Athletic Association (OCSSAA). This body will meet closer to the opening of school to discuss our fall championships and the year as a whole, as we continue to move forward.

As the school year progresses, we will continue to communicate to you the changing landscape as it pertains to athletics and possibilities of running different teams. For example, we are looking at a potential later start date for TDChristian's Co-ed Intramural Hockey League that runs on Friday mornings. Nothing is confirmed at this point.

For many of our student athletes, as well as our coaches, it is very disappointing to be deprived of the amazing benefits and experiences that come through school sports. We will continue to move forward in faith, hopeful that we can get back on the court and field to honour God with our abilities and to fulfill our passion for sport. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

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