

Dear prospective tennis player,

It is my pleasure to applaud you on your interest in this sport which you will be able to enjoy for a lifetime. It is a wonderful game of sportsmanship, competition and building relationships with peers as well as adults. In this game of honor, you will be taught proper etiquette, scoring and be reminded that this is a sport to have fun and enjoy. Each player will call their own lines and keep score in practices as well as matches. Therefore, it is imperative that all coaches and players learn the proper rules and etiquette to ensure a quality experience for all involved.

In order to participate in the physical conditioning and try-outs for the tennis team, the following must be completed:

- 1) A **physical** of the athlete that is dated within the last calendar year thru May 20th.
- 2) An **emergency medical form** that is thoroughly filled out for the coach to carry with him during the tennis season at practices and matches in the event important phone numbers are needed.
- 3) Consent to follow the **athletic guidelines** as setup by the Lakota Local School District and the GMC's
- 4) A ride home from practice or matches at the designated time for each date specified below.
- 5) A **check for \$300** made out to Hopewell Junior School. This will only be cashed upon making the team.
- 6) The total amount of money spent in a given year for this season including fees will vary depending on team decisions. It could be as low as the \$300 **fee** or go as high as \$400 including **uniforms** to take with you following the season, **snacks** between the end of the school day and scheduled matches, and **team pictures**.
- 7) **Black shorts** with **pockets** will be the standard uniform if you would like to make sure you have those on hand for all matches. The t-shirts or under armor that we wear will be decided upon later.
- 8) A **water bottle** would be an essential item to have while the athletes are on the court to allow for proper hydration. It is also acceptable to wear a **hat/visor/sunglasses** to preserve visibility on the court.

The physical conditioning and try-outs will commence Tuesday March 10th and continue until Friday March 13th weather permitting. The try-outs and subsequent practices will be from 3:00 to 4:30 pm on these dates. Please make sure that a ride is provided following all practices and matches. Weather permitting the team should be chosen by March 17th. However, depending on the number of participants and days that are suitable to play outdoors this time period needs to be flexible.

Please make an effort to have your parents/guardians attend the "Meet the Team night" on Wednesday March 18th immediately following practice. This meeting should take about 40 minutes and we should conclude by 5:15.

For match schedule please go to Hopewell Junior School and click on sports, then spring and then boys' tennis schedule for information regarding match start times, dates and places. Directions are also included. All match times will begin 10 minutes after the opponents have arrived or after we have arrived at our destination.

There will be spots on the team for 9 or 10 players, depending on where the line of talent is clear. The players will play short mini-sets (first one to 4, instead of 6) to allow for more looks at the player against different styles of players. When we get down to the final 12, I will look at the last six to see how they play in doubles together to help determine the final 2 or 3 spots.

A shuttle bus will be provided for all Liberty students to arrive at HJS for tennis practice. I'll try to have it leave Liberty Jr. by 2:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and have it leave by 2:55 on Tuesdays and Thursdays to accommodate the jazz band participants.

If you or your parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.
My phone number is 513 604-0838.

Sincerely,

Ron Henrich