

Soccer notes and requirements

SCHEDULE: The schedule for all levels can be found at: www.cambridgechristianschool.org Once you go there, click on the calendar tab and you will be able to see all levels. I strongly encourage you to check the calendar at **LEAST** once a week. The coaches and the school will do the best we can to update everyone. But the calendar is the best place to look first.

Practices in the month of August typically are later in the evenings. Sometimes there may be morning practices for the Varsity. Once school begins, all practices will be right after school.

WHERE DO WE PLAY?: Practices will be held at CCS for the entire season. All home games are held at CCS.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO PLAY?: All players need their own shin guards and their own cleats(Football cleats are not acceptable unless the front toe cleat is filed off, metal cleats and some cleats with long studs are not acceptable as well. If you have any questions about equipment, please check with a coach prior to purchase). All uniforms will be provided. Water bottles are great to bring on your own.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation to and from games will usually be provided by a bus for all Varsity level sports unless there are conflicts or repairs. However, transportation is not provided for the 4th -8th grade programs so parents are in charge of making sure their players make it to all away games.

FOOD: As a way to get back home as quickly as we can, we encourage players to pack a dinner to eat on the way home after games. If the coaches decide they would like to stop on the way home, they will notify players ahead of time. Otherwise please pack food for your children to eat.

LEVELS AND PLAYING TIME: We expect to have 2 levels in the lower grades. Typically 4th - 6th and 6th - 8th. The 6th graders will typically float between games and practices as the coaches determine the need. In the unlikely event that we do not have enough 7th-8th graders, we will then lump the two lower teams together and make one team. You will be notified if this will happen. EVERY PLAYER will play in every game for the 4th-8th grade levels. We strive hard to get everyone an opportunity at different positions and to also get experience. Not every player will get the exact same minutes(this is much too difficult for a coach to monitor). But, everyone will be given opportunities to play in the games. For varsity, playing time will be predicated on multiple things: the opponent, the teams needs, talent of player, depth at a position, need for unique skills, age, size, participation in practices, timeliness, verbal use, control, etc.... Typically each level adds a bit more competition and we emphasize skills the higher we go.

WEATHER: In the event that weather is poor(lightning is a big issue. Rain is not), you can call **763-222-8410 for Varsity(Justin Roble) and 763-245-8514(4th-8th) John Newton** and our voicemail will be updated for soccer related weather. You can always leave a voicemail if you have a question and we will return your call as quickly as we can. If we have to cancel practice in the middle of practice, we will move inside to a safe environment and then call parents to notify them. The coaches will always decide when/if to cancel. If you are uncomfortable with that, you can always pull your own child out anytime.

COACHES:

Justin Roble - Varsity coach(763-222-8410)

John Newton – Head Coach for the 4th – 8th grade.

Jeff Bonkoski-Athletic Director(763-689-3806)

We would strongly encourage you to call Jeff if you have any complaints, concerns, or praise in regards to any of our coaching. Our coaching staff is dedicated to giving our kids a Christ filled soccer experience. We feel blessed to have the opportunity to coach, teach, and equip our players for the challenges they will face on and off the pitch. We always want to know ways that we can improve, and ways that we are excelling, so please feel free to share your feedback!

Thank you for trusting us with your kids! We look forward to a great season for all!