



HARBOR BEACH
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Saturday, August 15, 2020

Dear Students and Parents:

At 4:00 p.m. yesterday the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) informed local school districts that they have “made the difficult decision to postpone football until the spring of 2021.”

Obviously, this information is difficult to hear, and our first thoughts go to our student athletes who have been actively preparing for the season. We also feel for our coaches and parents of student athletes as their support is both amazingly selfless and vital to our success. Even though it may be extremely difficult to hear at this time, we do find hope in the fact that this is a postponement and not a cancelation of football. Also, on the positive side, think how scary we are going to be to others with another 6 months of penned-up desire and additional preparation 👍.

At this point in time, MHSAA is moving forward with all other fall sports. Please know, there is still a chance they will announce changes to other sports that are from the “Moderate Risk” category. These sports include volleyball and soccer. We are NOT saying these sports will be impacted. At this point in time, we don’t know that. However, we are attempting to be as transparent as possible that postponement of other fall sports is being discussed at the state level.

COVID-19 continues to challenge us all. It is pushing our physical health, challenging our mental toughness, and (as ironic as it may sound) providing us an opportunity to shine. Anyone can look good when all conditions are ideal, but in moments of hardship and doubt those who are truly great rise. We are being met with challenges that are not of our creation. These challenges are impacting athletics, academics, and mental strength. Let us not pretend everything is rosy, but also let us not fail to be ready for when the bell rings to come out of the corner and fight. We encourage you to join us in stepping up to the challenges and modeling for all that we can and will rise to the occasion. We won’t be robbed of positivity, we won’t have laughter stolen from us, and we won’t give up. Together, we will succeed all in the end.

Sincerely,

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