

# GROVE CITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Dear GCCA Families and Friends,

Let me introduce myself; my name is Megan Nash. I was recently named the Athletic Director of GCCA. I am very humbled by this title and pray this sports program will be a blessing to many: students, parents, grandparents and this community. My passion for sports began when I was small. I was a three-sport athlete at Bradford Area High School. I went on to Pitt- Johnstown to play Division II basketball for the Lady Cats. After college, I went to medical school and am currently a Family Physician in Slippery Rock, PA. I am married to Joe and have 4 kids at the Academy - Luke (6th), Graham (4th), Eli (2nd), and Madison (K).

Since my oldest son started at the academy years ago, I have been running an elementary basketball clinic during the winter. This has been a fun way to get kids out on Saturdays and to teach them some basketball skills and drills. For the last 6 months, I have been researching and pursuing the board with various sports options for our school.

### **Current sports options:**

*Saturday Basketball Clinic:* in the winter: K-6th, 40+ kids each winter

*Archery:* 3rd-12th grade, 80-90 kids participate each year, have won multiple state titles

*Grove City Running Club:* outside club for 2nd-6th graders, 20-40 kids from GCCA have participated each season; gets kids to enjoy running.

As it currently stands, once your child reaches 7th grade, they can participate in Archery. But, they are not able to participate in other sports through our school, or the public school due to being a private school. If your child has homeschool status, they are able to participate in sports in their own school district.

The goal of having sports at GCCA is to allow our students an opportunity to compete with each other, on one team. The board has decided to pursue membership into the Southwest Christian Athletic Conference at this time. This will allow our students to participate against other Christian schools in a variety of sports. SWCAC offers girls volleyball, boys/girls basketball, and coed soccer for middle school. There is also flag football for high school. As a school, we need to find out what sports we have enough interest to be able to play, and then pursue that sport/s. Homeschool kids who take one academic class at our school can also participate with our team.

### **Sports options thru SWCAC**

**Volleyball**-5th-8th grade **girls**, season from August -October, games are typically Tuesday/Thursday, occasionally on Monday. Would likely be 3-4 day/week of commitment. Need 6 girls to field a team.

**Soccer**-5th-8th grade **boys and girls**, season from August-October, games are typically Tuesday/Thursday, occasionally on Monday. Would likely be 3-4 days/week commitment. Need 11 to field a team.

**Basketball**-5th-8th, separate boys and girls team, season November - March. games Tuesday/Thursday, occasionally on Monday. Would likely be 3-4 days/week commitment. Need 5 boys or 5 girls to field a team.

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**Non-SWCAC** options:

**Archery** 3rd-12th graders, December - March, 2 nights/week practice, tournaments are on Saturdays 3-5/season

**GC Running Club for Middle School/High school-** 6th-12th graders, members of GCCA or homeschoolers outside of GC school district. Would compete with USATF, practice 3-4 times during the week and compete at invitationals on Saturdays.

This is a lot of information to process. The goal isn't to make every team happen next year, but rather to see where the interest is and then proceed with those sports. That being said: I need to know who would consider participating. This is not a 100% commitment, but just to gauge the interest. We aren't going to pursue having a soccer team and find a field, coach, etc., if we only have 5 kids that are interested. So I need your input as to what sport your child would be interested in playing and if you will let them play. I do understand sports are a commitment: time for practices, games, travel, etc.

We still have many details to work out: What sports will we have? Who will coach? How much will it cost? Where will we play? I am still working on all the answers to these questions. If you have any helpful tips or comments, please let me know. Thanks for your patience. A survey will be coming out to help us determine the interest level in the different sports.

Sincerely,

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