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Dear TMS families:

I interviewed Mr. Tobin for this edition of my newsletter because I wanted to talk about athletics. We discussed that the philosophy of modified sports at the middle school is to provide opportunities for students to grow in skill development and learn teamwork while participating in competitive sports. During the fall and winter seasons, I have seen this idea in action at soccer, volleyball, football, and basketball games. Students have persevered through challenges and developed strong relationships. They have amazed themselves with new-found strengths and participated in events that will be captured in their yearbooks and burned into their memories. Perhaps importantly, they have learned the values of composure, practice, and teamwork.

Mr. Tobin, our Athletic Director, fondly recalls seeing one of our modified athletes drain a long three-point shot at the halftime buzzer. As the player was mobbed by teammates the 0 on his jersey disappeared! I can recall a diving volleyball dig that led to a side-out in a tight match. One student recalled how his friend TJ "Juked out a Woodlands player and then scored a goal." These are the reasons we have sports programs. I thank Mr. Tobin, all of his coaches and all of the student-athletes for their efforts.

As the spring season begins, please strongly encourage your child to participate in the sports programs in grades 7-12. Registration is open and the start date is 3/16. If you have not done so already, please register your child for the Spring season. Last-minute registration is extremely stressful for the medical staff, who review all students' registrations. It is also stressful for the students who will not be cleared in time for tryouts. The link to register is FamilyID.com. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support of the athletic program. It exists truly for the betterment of the students of the community.

My Best,
Greg Stiefel

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