



# John Witherspoon Middle School

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Dear Players/Parents:

September 12, 2017

It's that time of the year again! We are Adam Rothschild, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor at John Witherspoon Middle School, and Steve Hennessy, Physical Education Teacher at Johnson Park. As returning Soccer Coaches, we plan to provide a safe, healthy, middle school learning environment that is focused on the continued athletic development of your child.

The JWMS soccer season will begin with a team meeting on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Tryouts begin on our JW Soccer Fields on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Our first game is scheduled for Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Your child will be permitted to tryout after our school nurse, Ms. Kathleen Bihuniak, has medically cleared him. Tryouts will begin promptly at 3:05 p.m. and will end at approximately 4:35 p.m. **Parents should plan to pick up their children or arrange alternative transportation for them.**

Players will be evaluated on their ability to demonstrate fundamental skills, cooperation, following directions, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. Students will be notified as to whether they have qualified to play on our teams at the end of our tryout phase. Please keep in mind that selecting players for our teams is a difficult process. In the event your son does not qualify to play on our A-Team, he may have the opportunity to participate in our B-Team program. **As always, all players are required to wear shin guards and soccer cleats/shoes. Additionally, all players must bring a refillable water bottle with their name written on it.**

Any students, in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, **must** take the ImPACT Test before being cleared to play. Students are required to take the ImPACT Test once every two years to be eligible to participate in our athletic programs. Current 6<sup>th</sup> grade students do **NOT** need to take the ImPACT Test.

For a complete schedule, please see Coach Rothschild's website or follow him on Twitter for game updates and important messages. Additionally, you can view full schedules and register for updates via RSchoolToday by navigating to the following address: <http://as2.rschooldtoday.com/public/genie/1089/school/2/> which is also easily accessible via the JW Athletics website at <http://www.jwms.rschoolteams.com/> to receive an automated email notification of up to the minute cancelations and schedule changes. If you have any questions please contact us at the email addresses listed below or at (609) 806-4270. We look forward to working with you, and appreciate your continued support as we strive to make John Witherspoon Boys' Soccer a rich, learning, and productive experience.

Sincerely,

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