



## **BCS 4th & 5th Grade Families:**

We're excited to share some important news. Beginning this year, Brentwood Christian School is launching an intramural sports program for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. After thoughtful consideration, we will be shifting away from interscholastic competition at this age bracket, while aiming to create an even stronger long-term pipeline with the inclusion of 4th grade for the first time. We believe this move best supports our students' growth – not just in athletics, but in character, confidence and constructing a foundation of Christ-centered athletic participation.

### **Why the change?**

#### **1. Skill development & fundamentals**

Intramural sports provide a space where students can learn and improve their skills at their own pace. Without the pressure of travel or high-stakes games, students are free to concentrate on building a strong foundation in the basics and enjoy the process of learning their sport through game simulation and targeted coaching intervention during live play.

#### **2. Increased participation**

No tryouts. No cuts. No set teams. Everyone plays & builds chemistry with all future teammates. This model encourages more students to get involved. It builds confidence and allows them to discover a new activity regardless of prior experience.

#### **3. Stronger teamwork & social skills**

Because teams are formed within our school, students can connect more with their peers. This will foster communication, trust, leadership and collaboration. These skills will extend well beyond BCS.

#### **4. Emphasis on sportsmanship & character**

Intramurals will shift the focus from competition to personal growth, allowing us to teach resilience, integrity, fair play and how to handle winning and losing with grace.

#### **5. Fun & safe!**

Above all, we want students to have fun! Intramurals are designed to be safe, enjoyable and low-pressure while building school spirit and supporting their emotional well-being.



### **2025-26 Cub Club Athletics Offerings**

<b>Fall</b>	Coed Soccer
<b>Winter</b>	Flag Football, Volleyball
<b>Spring</b>	Coed Basketball

*\*Sports were assigned to seasons to prioritize campus space when possible & allow for as much high school coaching involvement as possible.*

### **Updated Athletics Progression at BCS**

<b>Cub Club (4th-5th)</b>	Intramural model, Saturday game simulations with segmented coaching instruction/intervention, age appropriate rule structure and competition structure to increase growth and learning opportunities, building a spiritual foundation and approach to athletics
<b>Middle School (6th-8th)</b>	Traditional model, interscholastic model with area schools through CAPPS, tryouts, set teams, competition with traditional rules and competition structure culminating in end-of-season tournaments, training athletes in competition through the mindset of being followers of Christ first and competing for Him
<b>High School (9th-12th)</b>	Traditional model, interscholastic model through TAPPS, tryouts, possible cuts, set varsity and sub-varsity teams, playoffs determined through TAPPS district play, the culmination of one's athletic journey at BCS, to become servant leaders and Christ-followers equipped through competition to lead and represent Him beyond BCS

### **What does this mean for your child?**

1. **Weekly practices** during 4th/5th shared PE time. Maximum one practice per week after school.
2. **A variety of sports throughout the year** giving your child the opportunity to explore different opportunities and passions.



3. **Student leadership opportunities** include peer coaching and organizing, deepening our school pride and service mindset to bridge the gap between the present and the future.
4. **Promotion of effort, teamwork and sportsmanship** over athletic performance and winning at all costs.

#### **What are the next steps?**

1. **The athletic department will host a meeting for all 4th-5th families to kick off the program**  
Be on the lookout for more communication. **Tentatively, we will host an informational meeting for 4th-5th grade parents as part of parent night on Thursday, August 28.** This is subject to change; details will be sent when finalized.
2. **Registration will open after school begins.**  
Expected FAQs, including pricing models, gear and more, will be discussed at above meeting.
3. **Parent Volunteers Welcome**  
Interested in coaching or helping with practices? We'd love to hear from you!
4. **Schedule your child a physical**  
All students who participate will need a physical form completed by a physician and on file with the athletic department prior to inclusion in the program.

We are thrilled about this new direction and confident it will lead to more personal and athletic development for every student. Thank you for your continued support and for trusting us with your child's growth.

In HIS name,

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