

Calvert Catholic Schools ~ St. Joseph Campus
DRAFT COPY B - Junior High School (Grades 7 & 8) Athletic Information for Parents
April 29, 2007 (Date TBD)

With Peace, Prayer, and Persistence ~ It Can and Will be Done.
May all we do be for the Glory of God and the Benefit of our Children

Background Information

On July 15, 2006, the Board of Trustees passed the following resolution to become effective with the 2006-2007 academic year:

It is resolved from this day forward that all school sponsored extra-curricular and Midland Athletic League activities shall be made available to all eligible students of the Calvert Catholic Schools without dependency of their parish of registry or campus while respecting age, grade, and gender specific programs.

In support of this resolution and based on the regulations of the MAL / Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), Calvert Catholic Schools will offer the following sports for grades 7 –12. OHSAA / MAL does not offer sports for grades 6 and under.

2007-2008 Sponsored Sports/Activities

High School

- **OHSAA / MAL:** All athletes must follow Calvert Schools' regulations, eligibility and grading policies for Extra Curricular activities: Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Soccer, Cheerleading, Golf, Wrestling, Basketball, Swimming, Gymnastics, Track, Softball, Tennis and Baseball. (Same as current offerings)
- **School Clubs:** Bowling (same as current offerings)
- **CYO:** Volleyball and Basketball

Jr. High School

- **OHSAA / MAL:** Football, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Wrestling and Track (same as current offerings).
- St. Marys Jr. High Basketball and Volleyball teams have been playing in OHSAA / MAL. These teams will become Calvert Jr. High teams open to all 7th and 8th grade students in the Calvert Catholic School system.
- **School Clubs:** Soccer (same as current offerings)
- **CYO:** Volleyball and Basketball

Sports Sponsored by both OHSAA / MAL and CYO (Basketball and Volleyball)

Since the sports of volleyball and basketball utilizes a limited number of players and since the MAL will only recognize one 7th grade team and one 8th grade team, there may be additional athletes that want to participate in these sports. Upon approval of the Toledo Diocese, the combined parishes will also recognize one 7th and 8th grade CYO program with no limit on the number of teams per grade (based on available athletes). Summer conditioning will be for all interested players regardless of MAL or CYO.

Students may choose to play CYO that provides the following:

Must follow Diocesan rules and regulations which includes the following:

No cuts

Guaranteed participation in games

Unlimited number of games

Coaches must meet Diocesan requirements and be certified by the Diocese

All parishioners from St. Joes and St. Marys are eligible to participate regardless of school attendance

Diocesan issued Physical form

All athletes must follow the CYO Board's regulations

Mandatory prayer before the game

Games played primarily on weekends with 7th & 8th playing separate schedules

Teams and coaches are administrated by the Calvert Catholic Schools Junior High Booster Club or CYO Booster Board

OR

Students may choose to play OHSAA / MAL that provides the following:

Must follow OHSAA rules and regulations which includes the following:

Limited number of games (14 plus league tournament)

Coaches must meet OHSAA requirements and be certified by the State.
(Coaches must also meet Diocesan requirements per Calvert regulations)

State issued physical form

Only students from Calvert Jr. High are eligible to participate

All athletes must follow Calvert Schools' regulations, eligibility and grading policies for Extra Curricular activities.

Catastrophic accident insurance

May be tryouts with cuts (roster maximum is at the discretion of the school)

Participation in games at the discretion of the coach

Games played primarily on Tuesdays and Thursdays

7th & 8th play back to back the same night

Athletes will travel by bus to away games

Teams and coaches are administrated by Calvert Athletics

Athletic training services through Calvert Athletics

Team prays before and after every practice and game (alone if playing a public school)

If an athlete initially tries out for the MAL team but decides not to continue or does not make the roster limit, they may still play CYO.

If an athlete is on a MAL team, they cannot participate on a CYO team that school year in the same sport (OHSAA and Diocesan rule).

Immediate Need

- In the past, Calvert Athletic Boosters, St. Joes CYO board and St. Marys Athletic Boosters each paid 1/3 of the cost to fund the Jr. High football, cheerleading, wrestling, track, cross country and track. The creation of the new Calvert Catholic Schools requires a reorganization of how Jr. High and CYO sports are funded.
- A Calvert Catholic Schools Junior High Booster Club needs to be formed and policies need to be established to fund and support both CYO and OHSAA / MAL teams for students in grades 4-8.

- Consideration must be made if CYO booster involvement chooses to be completely separate from the Calvert Junior High boosters.
- Equipment refurbishing and new purchases needs to be addressed
- Leadership and integration needs to be addressed for the Calvert Jr. High boosters / CYO Boosters / Calvert Boosters
- Calvert Seneca's mascot needs to be addressed at Jr. High level as opposed to Trotters and Trojans

Almost Immediate Needs

- An estimation of participation numbers by gender, sport, and grade needs to be determined
- Coaches need to be identified for the fall sports.
- Summer conditioning dates and supervision need to be determined
- The Calvert High School Athletic Handbook needs to be modified to include 7-8th grade.
- Systems need to be set up for operating the gate and concessions

**Calvert Junior High 7th & 8th Grade Parent Survey
(Students will be a 7th-8th grader in 2007-2008)**

Student _____ Grade _____ Gender _____

Parent(s) Name _____ Parent E-Mail _____

Phone No. _____

Are you interested in being involved in the following:

___ CYO Boosters

___ Calvert Junior High Boosters

Please indicate the sport(s) your son/daughter may be interested in pursuing in 2007-2008

___ Football – Fall sport

___ Cheerleading – Fall & winter sport

___ Volleyball – Fall sport

___ Wrestling – Winter sport

___ Cross Country – Fall sport

___ Basketball – Winter sport

___ Track – Spring sport

Questions / Comments concerning 7th-8th grade sports for students enrolled in Calvert Catholic Schools
