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## MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

### **Mission**

The mission of the Boston Trinity Academy Athletic Department is to assist in the development of the individual through sport by fostering the principles of sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play, and the development of a Christ-like attitude through triumph and adversity. BTA also strives to develop programs based on educational athletics where the participant is not merely “going through the motions” of a practice or a game, but is learning and developing transferable skills, such as discipline, perseverance, respect, and hard work.

### **Philosophy**

The Boston Trinity Academy Athletic Department is committed to maintaining a positive teaching and playing environment for its student athletes, coaches, teachers and parents. The following are the beliefs of BTA with regard to athletics:

- The primary objective is to facilitate meaningful athletic participation for all students during practices and games
- The athletic experience should be enjoyable for all participants, coaches, and spectators
- Athletics is a proven avenue through which character development can take place
- Athletics teaches valuable lessons which are transferable off the field
- Physical activity has immediate and long term benefits
- Winning is not an appropriate goal of educational athletics, but is a by-product of the culmination of lessons learned and a commitment to athletic excellence by the team members and coaching staff

## Athletic Department Contact Information

### Administration

Athletic Director	Karl Simon- 617-364-3700 x217
Administrative Assistant	Audrey Truitt- 617-364-3700
Headmaster	Timothy Wiens-617-364-3700x211
Emergency	Karl Simon- 617-435-0607
Fax	617-364-3800
Email	ksimon@bostontrinity.org
Website	www.bostontrinity.org

Please use the Athletics Hotline as your primary information service for routine questions.

For issues pertaining to:	Contact:
General Inquiries	Audrey Truitt
Daily game schedules/changes	Athletics Hotline
Game results	www.bostontrinity.org
Weather Related changes	Athletics Hotline
Department Policies	Karl Simon
Coach Conduct	Karl Simon
College Recruitment	Karl Simon, Cicily Shaw
Specific Team issues	Karl Simon, Team Coach

## SPORTS OFFERING

Middle School Girl	Middle School Boys	Upper School Girls	Upper School Boys
Fall- Soccer	Fall- Soccer	Fall- Soccer	Fall- Soccer, Crew
	Winter- Basketball	Winter- Basketball	Winter-Basketball, Wrestling
Spring- Lacrosse	Spring-Lacrosse	Spring- Lacrosse, Crew, Tennis	Spring- Lacrosse

\* Please note the upper school teams compete at a varsity level.

## Uniforms

### **Gym Uniforms**

During daily sports practice, students are required to wear the BTA gym uniform, along with the required equipment for the seasonal sport. Gym uniforms are available on the BTA Store found on the BTA website ([www.bostontrinity.org](http://www.bostontrinity.org)). Gym uniforms include mandatory grey or white BTA T-shirt, green BTA shorts and optional BTA sweatshirts, sweatpants, wind pants, fleeces, and jackets. Failure to wear a BTA gym uniform will result in a lowered participation grade.

### **Team Uniforms**

Students receive a team uniform prior to their first game of that season. It is the student's responsibility to return the items assigned to them at the end of the season. Students have roughly one week after the end of their season (after their last game) to return the items. A \$15 late fee may be assessed to any outstanding uniforms items after the return time. If an item of equipment is lost, the full cost of the item will be charged to the student's account. *If a student fails to turn in his or her equipment or does not clear any outstanding athletics balances from the previous season, he or she will not be allowed to take mid year or final exams until the items are returned or the bill is resolved.*

## **ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT**

### **Items provided by the student for each season:**

Soccer- BTA gym uniform, shin pads, soccer cleats, mouth guard

Basketball-BTA gym uniform, appropriate footwear, mouth guard

Lacrosse-BTA gym uniform, cleats, mouth guard,

Girls-lacrosse stick

Boys- shoulder pads, arm pads, gloves, lacrosse stick, and athletic supporter

Crew- BTA gym uniform

Wrestling- appropriate footwear

### **Items provided by Boston Trinity Academy for each season:**

Soccer- team uniforms, general equipment training

Basketball- team uniforms, general training equipment

Lacrosse- team uniforms, general training equipment

Girls-goggles

Boys-Helmets, scrimmage tank tops

Crew- shell, oars, oar locks

Wrestling- singlet, headgear

## **SEASON START DATES**

All dates are approximate and will change each calendar year

Soccer/Crew- First day of school through the first week of November

Basketball- Mid November to Mid February

Lacrosse/Crew-March to May 31

## **GAME and PRACTICE DAYS/TIMES/LOCATIONS**

Fall and spring practice days and times are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:45 for middle school students, M-F 3:45-5:30 for upper school students.

Winter Basketball practice is held Monday through Friday from 3:30-6:00. Specific times for each team will be announced before the season begins

All game days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Exceptions may be made due to weather or unavoidable circumstances to move a game to a non-game day. Information about any changes will be sent to parents by BTA.

### **Practice Locations**

**Soccer/Lacrosse practice-** BTA (Connell and Smith Fields, Smith St. off Enneking Parkway, Hyde Park)

### **Basketball practice/games-**

**Upper School -**Mass. College of Pharmacy Gymnasium in Mass Art building. 620 Huntington Ave, Boston

**Middle School-** Park St. Church, Boston.

## **TRANSPORTATION AND DROP OFF**

### **Transportation**

Transportation is provided through local bus companies to all games except those located off of T stops. Although we encourage all students to attend games, due to supervision issues, any student who is not part of the team competing is not allowed to ride the bus to the game unless prior arrangements are made with the athletic director. Students are expected to exhibit behavior becoming of a BTA student and recognize that all athletic events are school functions.

Students who are riding home with a parent or another student after the game must inform the athletic director and the coach of their team before leaving.

### **Drop Off**

All drop offs are at Boston Trinity Academy

## **ATTENDANCE AND TARDINESS**

### **Attendance**

All students are required to attend all athletic events their team is playing, regardless of their playing status. Injured players are still required to go to games unless arrangements have been made with the Athletic Director. Students who are ineligible to play due to lost or forgotten uniforms are still required to attend the sporting event.

### **Tardiness**

Students who are more than 2 hours late to school, unexcused, may be ruled ineligible to participate in any athletic events held that day. If the player is ruled ineligible, they are still required to attend the event.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Weather conditions may alter game or practice schedules. In all cases, consideration for player's safety, field conditions, or travel safety is paramount. Decisions to cancel practice or a game are made collaboratively by the Athletic Director, opposing AD, and coaches. Game cancellations are posted on the BTA website and updated on the Athletics Hotline.

### **Rain**

Practices or games may be postponed or cancelled due to rain. Students should come prepared for practice or games each day, even if it is raining, and they will be informed as to whether or not the practice or game is cancelled.

### **Snow**

School cancellation- All after school activities including games or practices are cancelled.

Early Dismissal- All after school activities including games or practices are cancelled.

Late Start-All practices and games as scheduled (pending facility availability)

## **COLLEGE RECRUITMENT**

Boston Trinity Academy will play an active role in supporting our students with aspirations of competing in athletics at the collegiate level. With collaboration from the College Counseling Department, BTA athletics will assist the family of these students by:

- Informing them of the process of establishing contact with college coaches
- Informing the family on NCAA rules and regulations regarding the recruiting process
- Aiding in the assessment of an athlete's athletic potential and helping place a student with the "right fit" in terms of their needs as a student and abilities as an athlete
- Serving as a primary contact for college coaches interested in recruiting BTA student athletes.

The College Counseling Department at BTA is the primary resource for all issues pertaining to the college selection process.

## AFFILIATIONS

Boston Trinity Academy is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Independent League (MBIL) for boys soccer and basketball and a member of the Girls Independent League for girls soccer and basketball

### MBIL Members

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE
Boston Univ. Academy*	1 University Rd Boston, MA	617-353-9000
Brimmer and May	69 Middlesex Rd Chestnut Hill, MA	617-566-7462 617-232-5093 (gym office)
Cambridge School of Weston	Georgian Rd, Weston MA	781-642-8636
Commonwealth* School	151 Comm. Ave, Boston, MA	617-266-7525
Greater Boston Academy	108 Pond St Stoneham, MA	781-438-4253
The Learning Center*	848 Central St Framingham, MA	508-879-5110
The Waldorf School*	132 Lexington St. Belmont, MA	781-863-1062
Gann Academy	333 Forest St. Waltham, MA	781-642-6800
Newman Prep*	245 Marlborough St Boston, MA	617-267-4530
The Waring School	35 Standley St Beverly, MA	978-927-8793

\*GIL Member

### GIL Members

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	Phone
Elizabeth Seton Academy	2220 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, MA 02124	617-296-1087
Winchendon School	172 Ash St, Winchendon, MA 01475	978-297-1223