

Soccer Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017 fall soccer season. We are already off to a very strong start with a very committed group of players and coaching staff. We are looking at having two teams this year - Varsity and JV. We have a very skilled group of players that are already showing potential and will help the program now and in the next few years. The returning players have already shown improvement from the previous years and will help to make this a winning team. I am proud to announce Daniel Ganoza will be returning as JV Coach and Varsity Assistance Coach. He is a science teacher at the High School and most of the players have had or will have Coach Ganoza as a teacher. All information for the season and questions can be found on the soccer website, including this letter. This website is also for the community to get involved in all the soccer programs that Woodland Park offers. The website is [www.woodlandparksoccer.com](http://www.woodlandparksoccer.com). Please see the website for parent and player information.

I will be updating the website with any changes in the schedule and also sending you an email via constant contact. I will be asking the players for a full commitment to the program. The practices will be a full two hours from 4:00 to 6:00. Starting at 4:00 will give the players time to take care of school issue and be fully prepared for practice. I expect the players to be ready to practice at 3:50. There will be no Saturday practice. They will be running a lot more this year to make sure we have a competitive edge, so make sure to feed your player well. They will need all the protein they can get and fluids.

The players need to have running shoes, indoor shoes, and regular soccer cleats. With the changing weather in Woodland Park, we might have a few indoor practice sessions. There will not be any cancelled practices since we can move indoors. If there is a cancelled game I will post on the website that morning and we will have normal practice that day. Also, make sure they have extra cloths for travel and some spending money in case we have a long trip on certain away games. When it comes to away games and driving home, your player is not allowed to go home with another player unless there is a written note from you. Local games will be on the football field because of logistics to the school and the seating. Lettering this year has changed from the last year. Here are the requirements.

- Play 18 halves in any varsity game.
- Have a C average or better in grades.
- Be at every practice. Unless there is a good reason not to be there.

The Team will be representing the community of Woodland Park, the High School, and themselves on and off the field. We will talk about this often during practices. I also expect the players to follow the school guide lines on extra activities outside of the school. Soccer season is only 45 days. We will work on learning how to focus on the game, visualize actions, and have team and personal goals. We win as a team and we lose as a team.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and also let me know if I forgot anything.

Thank you and Go Panthers!

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