



Dear Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents and Student-Athletes,

The fall season will begin soon after school starts and we are eager for what should be another exciting season of Obezag athletics. **Practices for all sports--except for fall sailing and the equestrian team, which meet earlier-- begin on Tuesday, September 4.** Below is important information for all parents and students who plan to play for Key this fall.

FALL SEASON PRACTICES

Below are the starting days and times for the **first day** of Middle School athletics practices.

Boys' and Girls' Cross Country

Tuesday, September 4, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Obstacle Course Field

Practices will be Monday-Friday.

Coach: [Laura Burrell Baxter](#)

Equestrian Team

Wednesday, August 29, 5:00 p.m., Middle School Learning Center

Coach: [Holly Stello](#)

Girls' Field Hockey

Tuesday, September 4, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Obstacle Course Field

Practices will be Monday-Friday.

Contact: [Brian Boyd](#)

Sailing (8th grade only)

Monday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at Severn Sailing Association (SSA) – 311 First Street, Annapolis, MD 21403. Tryouts are scheduled for Tuesday, August 28.

Coach: [Travis Carlisle](#)

Boys' Soccer

Tuesday, September 4 at 3:30-5:00 p.m., Beach Field

Practices will be Monday-Friday.

Coach: [Carlos Peña](#)

Girls' Soccer

Tuesday, September 4 at 3:30-5:00 p.m., Activity Field

Practices will be Monday-Friday.

Contact: [Brian Boyd](#)

REQUIRED PHYSICAL EXAM FORM

An [Athletic History and Physical Form](#) for 2018-2019, must be submitted to the Athletics Department no later than **Tuesday, September 4. No student may participate in any interscholastic athletic practice or game for 2018-2019 sports until he or she has submitted this form** signed by a physician indicating that a physical has occurred since **January 1, 2018**. All forms and a copy of this letter can be found on the Key School website. Click the [Athletic Schedules](#) tab at the top of Key's homepage, then on the bottom right-hand side you will see [Forms for Our Athletes](#).

NOTE: This form also is found on the Magnus Health site under downloadable forms. If you have already printed the form, acquired the necessary physician's signature, and processed the form through Magnus, you may disregard this.

OBEZAG ATHLETIC WEBPAGES

The Key Athletics webpages are rich sources of information for parents and students alike, especially the team pages. **The Athletics homepage provides an overview of all upcoming games as well as a button linking to the current day's practice and game schedules.** The page also highlights athletics news and the popular @Obezags Twitter feed. Links to required forms and information about Key's athletics philosophy, achievements and sports clinics are also available on the homepage. Links to required forms and information about Key's athletics philosophy, achievements and sports clinics are also available on the homepage. The **individual team pages** include team rosters, practice and game schedules, and coach biographies and contact information.

GET ATHLETICS iCAL FEEDS & ALERTS ON YOUR DEVICE

You can download athletic events to your calendar and get email and/or text alerts when practice or game information changes. [Click to learn more.](#)

PROTOCOLS FOR PICKING YOUR CHILD UP FROM AN OFF-CAMPUS EVENT

If you choose to pick up your child from an off-campus practice or game, **you must be there 15 minutes prior to the end of practice/game.** Practice always ends several minutes prior to the designated end time so the team bus can leave as close to the practice end time as possible. This is done in order for students to get back to campus to catch "late" busses. **The team bus cannot wait for your arrival at the site due to tight scheduling and no student will be left behind unattended at the site; therefore, if you are not at the off-campus practice site when the team bus leaves, your child must get on the bus and be driven back to campus.**

We are very excited about the upcoming fall season at Key. I encourage every parent, whether your child plays a sport at Key or not, to come to a game. I am confident you will enjoy the spirited atmosphere and the more fans we have at our games, the more fun we all have. To keep up-to-date with all the exciting Zag news, follow us on Twitter (@Obezags), and read the monthly community bulletin, *What's Happening at Key!*.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-263-9231, ext. 1282 or

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Sincerely,

Brian Boyd

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