



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—begin on Tuesday, September 3.** Below is important information for all students who plan to play for Key this fall.

STARTING TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE

Any student interested in playing the sports below may simply show up at the first practice. **No prior sign-up is needed.** Full game and practice schedules are posted on the team webpages.

Tuesday, August 27

Equestrian Team, 6:30 p.m., Farmhouse Room 2

Head Coach: [Alex Abella](#)

First meeting TBD

Sailing (8th grade only)

Coordinator: [Elle Wells '14](#)

Tuesday, September 3

Boys' and Girls' Cross Country, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Obstacle Course Field. Practices:

Monday-Friday.

Head Coach: [Laura Burrell Baxter](#)

Girls' Field Hockey, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Obstacle Course Field. Practices: Monday-Friday.

Head Coach: [Julia Hill](#)

Boys' Soccer, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Beach Field. Practices: Monday-Friday.

Head Coach: [Carlos Peña](#)

Girls' Soccer

Tuesday, September 3 at 3:30-5:00 p.m., Activity Field. Practices: Monday-Friday.

Contact: [Brian Boyd](#)

REQUIRED PHYSICAL EXAM FORM

An [Athletic History and Physical Form](#) for 2019-2020, must be submitted to the Athletics Department no later than **Tuesday, September 3**. **No student may participate in any interscholastic athletic practice or game for 2019-2020 sports until they have submitted this form** signed by a physician indicating that a physical has occurred since **January 1, 2019**.

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
- A button linking to the current day's practice and game schedules
- Athletics news
- The popular @Obezags Twitter feed
- Links to required forms
- Information about Key's athletics philosophy
- Achievements and photos

The individual team pages include team rosters, practice and game schedules, and coach 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.](#)

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the off-campus practices is provided by the School, but you are welcome to pick your child up at the practice site. If you choose to pick up your child at the practice site, **please be there 15 minutes before the end of practice.** Practice always ends several minutes prior to the posted end time so the team bus can leave as close to the practice end time as possible (e.g., practice ends at 5:05 so the team bus can leave at 5:15). 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 we would never leave your child 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.** All on-campus pick-ups should occur in the main lot by the circular bench. Please do not pick up students in the parking lot beside Katharine Hall. **Please note: NO PARKING IS PERMITTED ON DOVE LANE.**

We are very excited about the upcoming spring 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 443.321.7850 or bboyd@keyschool.org.

Sincerely,

Brian Boyd
Athletic Director