



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

The spring season is almost upon us with practices beginning **Monday, March 4** for **boys' and girls' lacrosse** and **tennis**. **Sailing** (8th grade only) begins with a meeting on **Wednesday, February 20**—if you are interested in sailing this spring but cannot attend the meeting during Mid-Winter Break, please email Coach [Travis Carlisle](#) to get pertinent information. Below is information you will need for the upcoming season.

#### **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.

#### **Wednesday, February 20**

**Sailing (8th grade only):** Meeting at 6:00 p.m for any 8th grade student interested in sailing at Severn Sailing Association (SSA) - 311 First Street, Annapolis, MD 21403.

Coach: [Travis Carlisle](#)

mailto:travissails7245@gmail.com

#### **Monday, March 4**

**Boys' Lacrosse:** 3:30-5:00 p.m. Side Field. Practices are Monday-Friday.

Contact: [John Villareal](#)

**Girls' Lacrosse:** 3:30-5:00 p.m. Manse Field. Practices are Monday-Friday.

Coach: [Elizabeth Hollick](#)

**Tennis:** 3:45-5:15 p.m. Truxtun Park Tennis Courts. Practices are Monday-Friday. The team bus will depart from Dove Lane at 3:30 p.m.

Coach: [Dave Stockum](#)

## REQUIRED FORMS

If not previously completed this school year, **a required sports physical form** must be **completed by March 4**. Go to [Forms for Our Athletes](#) on Key's Athletics webpage for details.

## 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., tennis 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!*.

**PLAN AHEAD! Parents and students in 8th grade: Upper School Fall pre-season practices will begin August 15, 2019** with mandatory concussion baseline testing and optional sports physicals scheduled a day or two earlier. More information will be available in the summer.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [bboyd@keyschool.org](mailto:bboyd@keyschool.org) or 410-263-9231, ext. 1282.

Sincerely,

Brian Boyd

Athletic Director