



Dear Upper School Parents and Student-Athletes,

The fall season is nearly upon us with pre-season practices for **cross country, field hockey, soccer, and volleyball** beginning **Thursday, August 15**. The **equestrian** team meeting is on **Tuesday, August 27**, and the **fall sailing** team meeting is **TBD**.

STARTING TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE

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

Coordinator: [Elle Wells '14](#)

Thursday, August 15

Boys' and Girls' Cross Country, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Obstacle Course. Practice Monday-Friday.

Head Coach: [Brandon Demers](#)

Field Hockey, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Manse Field. Practice Monday-Friday.

Head Coach: [Jennifer Langdon](#)

Boys' Soccer, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Beach Field. Practice Monday-Friday.

Head Coach: [Dylan Lewis](#)

Girls' Soccer, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Manse Field. Practice Monday-Friday.

Head Coach: [Vicky Brunt](#)

Girls' Volleyball, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Activity Building. Practice Monday-Friday.

Head Coach: [Jonathan Coslick](#)

MANDATORY FORMS & CONCUSSION TESTING MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO AUGUST 15

A pre-participation physical, mandatory baseline concussion testing, and a signed agreement of understanding from the Student-Athlete/Parent Handbook must be completed before students can participate in practices on starting on August 15.

Detailed information and forms are found in "[Forms for Our Athletes](#)" on Key's [Athletics homepage](#).

STUDENT PARTICIPATION SURVEY

It is important for the School to have as accurate an idea as possible of numbers of athletes for the upcoming year in order to make decisions on coaching and supply needs. Please fill out the [Student Participation Survey](#) to the best of your ability. If you are not positive about what you will do one season or another, make your best guess—you can always change your mind. Even if you do not intend to play a Key School sport, please fill out the survey.

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 from the “Upcoming Games” section on the [Athletics homepage](#).

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 or meet. I am confident you will enjoy the spirited atmosphere and the more fans we have, 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!* for announcements regarding our all conference players and semi-final/championship games that will offer great opportunities for our community to rally behind our teams.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 443.321.7850 or bboyd@keyschool.org.

Sincerely,

Brian Boyd
Athletic Director