

June 16, 2014

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that beginning with the 2014-15 school year, Charlotte County Public Schools will begin a *Pay to Participate* program to reinstate competitive athletic programs for our middle school students. The addition of interscholastic (competitive) sports is an important part of allowing young men and women the opportunity to grow as student athletes. Our 2014-15 interscholastic sports calendar will include the following sports: boys/girls basketball, girls volleyball, wrestling and boys/girls track.

Any 7th and 8th grade student who wishes to “try-out” for a sport may do so assuming they have a 2.0 grade point average, private health insurance (or school accident coverage), and a current/updated sports physical. To help offset the overall cost of interscholastic sports, we will be continuing the “Pay to Participate Program” which is already in effect at the high school level. Each student/athlete participating in one interscholastic activity will be required to pay \$20.00. A student/athlete participating in more than one interscholastic program will be required to pay \$30.00. Families having more than one student/athlete attending middle school, who wish to participate in interscholastic athletics will be required to pay \$40.00, which will cover one or more athletic activities for the entire family.

If a student/athlete cannot afford to pay the fee, a process has been established to assist this student with the payment. A middle school student who needs financial assistance should contact his/her Assistant Principal directly or through their coach.

We are excited to be able to reintroduce middle school athletics and hope your student is looking forward to the chance to participate.

For more information please refer to our website www.yourcharlotteschools.net or call your school's assistant principal.

Thank you for cooperation and support of middle school athletics.

Sincerely,

Douglas K. Whittaker, Ed.D.
Superintendent