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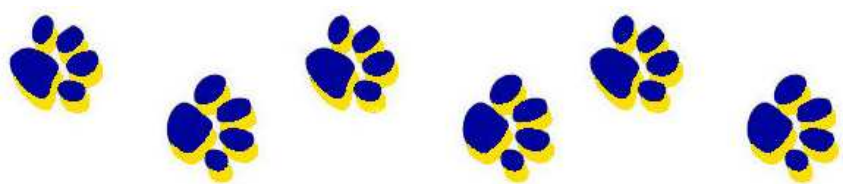
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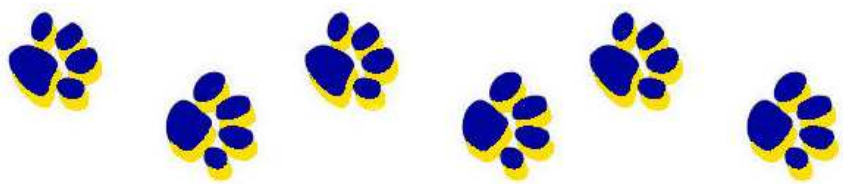
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**The
Central Middle
School Guide
to
S.P.O.R.T.
and
Sports**





A Brief History and Mission Statement

S.P.O.R.T.

(Students and Parents Organizing Resources for Teams)

In the 2007-2008 school year, the Long Hill Township Board of Education instituted a program called “Pay to Play”. Pay to play means parents bear the complete financial cost for all interscholastic team sports.

In response to the BOE ruling, parents and school administrators explored the possibility of forming a sports booster club to help defray pay to play costs and help subsidize associated costs such as team uniforms and equipment. As a result, a steering committee was organized and by December of 2008 by laws were established and S.P.O.R.T. held their first official meeting.

S.P.O.R.T. is an organization of individuals dedicated to the goal of making the CMS interscholastic sports programs successful and financially accessible to all students at all levels. The mission of the organization is to provide resources to support the operation of the various sports teams at Central Middle School. The members of the S.P.O.R.T. organization are mindful that a successful interscholastic athletic program depends on contributions from dedicated students, staff and the community at large.



S.P.O.R.T Homepage

You can access this page at www.longhill.org. Click the “Central School” tab, then click the “Central Middle School S.P.O.R.T” tab. Here you will find:

- S.P.O.R.T meeting dates
- By – laws
- History of S.P.O.R.T program
- S.P.O.R.T. Request for Funds
- S.P.O.R.T Guidebook
- Scholarship Information
- S.P.O.R.T meeting Minutes

And more.....





Announcements

The Daily Bulletin, an email notification, is the life line of all notices at Central Middle School, especially information pertaining to school sports. Announcements regarding tryouts, practice, games, cancellations, driving directions etc. are announced in this communication. If you are not on the distribution list and would like to join, go to www.longhill.org and click on the “Email Notifications” tab near the bottom of the left column then mark off “Central School” and send.

Team schedules

Home and away games are posted seasonally on the school website. Go to www.longhill.org, click “Central School”, place your curser on “student activities” and click on “athletics”. In addition to team schedules, you can find directions for away games as well as a list of the team coaches with their contact information including our Athletic Director, Maura Millman, who can be contacted at mmillman@longhill.org.



What are “Pay to Play” costs?

- Stipends for coaches
- Partial stipend for Athletic Director
- Buses
- Referees
- Equipment

S.P.O.R.T. Athletic Programs:

- Cross Country (Co-ed)
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Fencing (Co-ed)
- Softball
- Baseball





S.P.O.R.T is looking for parents volunteers to come out to a meeting and take the lead on a S.P.O.R.T fundraising opportunity to increase the contribution to the "Pay to Play" program fees!!!

S.P.O.R.T. subsidizes:

- ✓ Pay to play costs for every athlete
- ✓ New uniforms
- ✓ Baseball field improvements
- ✓ Partial stipend for the Athletic Director
- ✓ Financial Scholarships
- ✓ Start up costs for new teams
- ✓ Special requests from teams

S.P.O.R.T. fundraisers:

- ✓ Long Hill Day at the Somerset Patriots
- ✓ S.P.O.R.T Food days

The CMS Web Site

Athletic Forms

Fill out and hand in the following forms to the main office:

- Athletic Pre-participation Physical Form
- Athletic Student and Parent Consent Form
- NJ Department of Education Health History Form

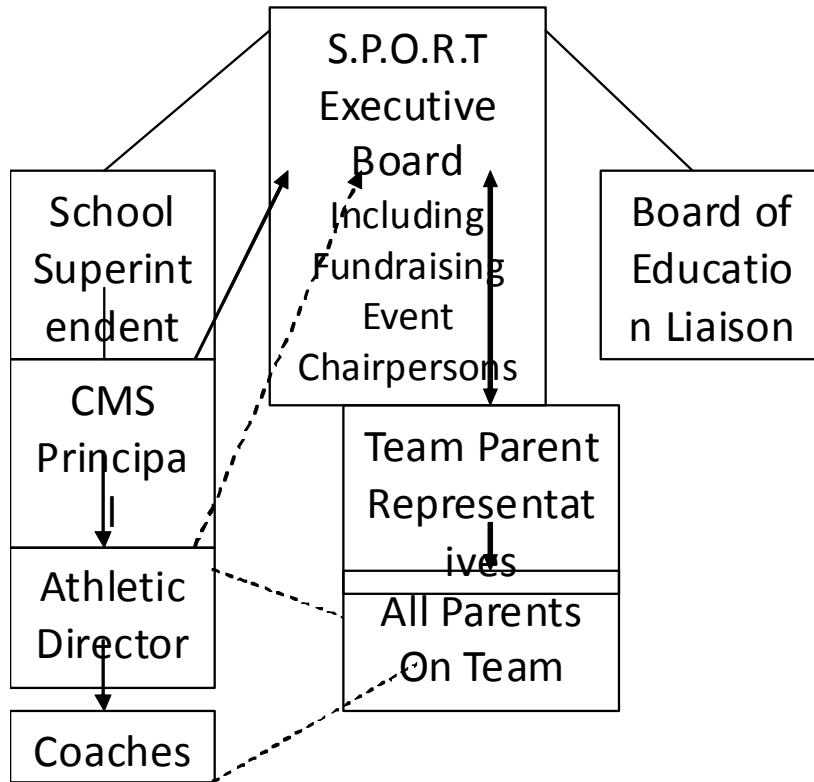
You can download the forms at www.longhill.org. Click the "Central School" tab, then click the "Forms" tab.

Before your child starts practice you are required to pay the "pay to play" fee. Your "pay to play" fee is your child's share of costs to run the sport divided among the number of participants on the team minus the contribution from S.P.O.R.T. Once your child starts practice there maybe additional forms to sign and return from the coach and/or athletic director.





S.P.O.R.T. Organizational Flow Chart



Scholarships

S.P.O.R.T. offers scholarships for students who demonstrate financial need to participate on Central Middle School athletic teams. A minimal \$25 contribution is required from families who are awarded scholarships. Individual scholarships cannot exceed the pay to play fee for the most expensive sport as calculated for that academic year. Scholarship requests should be directed to the Central Middle School Principal.

Meetings & Membership

Meetings are held once a month in the Central School library. The organization is open to all parents of students in the Long Hill Township schools, staff members in the school district and to students in Central Middle School. Membership is free. S.P.O.R.T. encourages all parents of students participating in CMS sports to attend meetings.





S.P.O.R.T FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- In the 2010-2011 academic year S.P.O.R.T. voted to make an ongoing commitment of contributing 60% of all raised funds directly towards defraying “pay to play” costs.
- In 2012-2013 S.P.O.R.T. contributed \$16,000.00 to subsidize the cost of pay to play sports at CMS. This \$12,000 financial contribution represents 28.6% of the overall pay to play 2012-2013 budget.
- S.P.O.R.T. contributed \$2000 for start-up equipment for the newly formed fencing team.
- S.P.O.R.T. purchased new cheerleading uniforms.
- S.P.O.R.T. purchased new cross country uniforms.
- S.P.O.R.T. purchased new girls and boys soccer uniforms.
- S.P.O.R.T. contributed to the cost of grading our baseball fields.
- S.P.O.R.T. purchased new softball and baseball uniforms.



S.P.O.R.T Team Representatives

S.P.O.R.T. ask that parent’s of the athletes contribute their time to be a Team Representative. Team reps are parent volunteers from each CMS interscholastic sport who act as a liaison between the sport they represent and S.P.O.R.T. Parent representatives are encouraged to attend as many S.P.O.R.T. meetings as possible and act as a conduit in disseminating information to families on the team they represent and are essential in recruiting volunteers for fundraising activities.

