



Dear Parents,

I'm excited for the upcoming volleyball season! Our PHMS Girls Volleyball athletes have been the reigning Conference Champions for the last 4 years straight! This will be my third year as the Girls Head Coach and will be my first year taking the Boys Head Coach role, as well.

Before any details are provided, I ask you to please note: Student athletes are to be picked up, after tryouts/practice, ONLY on the North side of the gymnasium, facing Tampa Road (the back carline area). Students are also able to walk/bike home.

Tryouts for **ALL boys and 6th grade girls** will be the second day of school, **Tuesday, August 12th from 4:30-6pm** in the PHMS gym. (Boys tryouts will be one day. Practice will start Thursday, August 14th).

The first day of tryouts for **7th and 8th grade girls (combined with 6th grade girl call-backs)** will be **Wednesday, August 13th from 4:30-6pm** in the gym.

Our first practice, for both boys and girls, will be Thursday, August 14th from 4:30-6pm. **A parent meeting will take place immediately after practice, in the gym, on Friday, August 15 at 6pm.** Mini club schedules and practice times for the season will be among topics discussed.

As we prepare for tryouts, please review the following **6 requirements that must be met prior to stepping on the court for tryouts.** All forms/proof of purchase are to be hard copies, handed into a grade level office or front office, allowing enough time for verification of GPA and eligibility. (For outside students, please note that there is an additional requirement listed.)

Links are provided, below. For items 1 & 2, and the Co-Enrollment Form, they can be navigated to through the [pcsb.org](https://www.pcsb.org) website - under the menu, select "DEPARTMENTS & DIVISIONS," then "Athletics and Extracurricular Activities." At the bottom of the page, you may find the Athletic Paperwork section.

Six Tryout Requirements:

1. A completed PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION FORM
<https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/domain/176/pcs%20forms/4-1891-B.pdf>

2. **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE:** A printed Student Accident Insurance card is required. Only providing the Policy Number will not be sufficient. (The cheapest plan is the minimum that is required - "At School" "PK-12" "Low Option Plan" at \$4.00 for the school year. Under the rate information, click on the Brochure (English or Spanish) if you want to view the high/low benefit plans before making your purchase.) <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/15271>
3. A copy of a valid Physical Examination, completed by a physician, signed and dated within the last 12 months. (May be a form provided by the physician or the FHSAA's form.)
4. A cumulative 2.0 middle school GPA is required to be eligible to participate in school sports. (Incoming 6th graders are exempt 1st semester, as they will not have a middle school GPA yet.)
5. Signed Student Athlete Expectation Form (found on the PHMS website, under Menu » Programs » Athletics).
6. Middle School Athletic Participation Checklist: this page must be printed and used as the cover sheet for all required items. Incomplete packets will not be accepted or held. (found on the PHMS website, under Menu » Programs » Athletics).

Outside students that attend schools/programs without a volleyball team may apply to play for their zoned school. The PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS CO-ENROLLMENT APPLICATION will need to be submitted via email to PCSAthletics@pcsb.org and approved before trying out. <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/domain/176/pcs%20forms/2-3112.pdf>

I'm looking forward to another competitive tryout and season! Please ensure your student athlete is prepared with a water bottle, athletic shoes and clothing, and a hair tie for long hair. Knee pads are optional for tryouts, but encouraged for the season. Thank you for your support and help in ensuring your athlete gets to participate in tryouts!

Best regards,

Coach Holly Dillon

