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Dear St. Croix Falls School District Community Member:

As we navigate the global pandemic, there are a myriad of concerns to address. So far, we have successfully started our school year with face-to-face instruction. In addition, we have started to have practice for our fall athletics. Girls golf along with boys and girls cross country have already competed. Beginning in two weeks, boys' soccer, football and volleyball will begin competing if everything continues as it is. Our next challenge involves the community's role in extra-curricular activities.

In order to allow sports competitions to continue for as long as possible and as safely as possible, we have decided to implement the following protocols for home events:

For high school football, boys soccer, and girls volleyball:

1. Each participant (player/manager) will be allowed 4 tickets. These tickets will be distributed by the coach the night before a home event. A master list will be prepared so the ticket taker can keep a list of those in attendance. **All fans must have a ticket to that evening's event to gain admission. There will be no exceptions.** This will help us in case we have to contact trace if there is a Covid-19 case found to be present at an event.
2. The player may give these tickets to immediate family members (IE: parents, grandparents, siblings) or to any St. Croix Falls High School student. Students of any age will be admitted if they meet the criteria of a sibling and have a ticket.
3. Anyone in attendance must have a cloth face covering over the nose and mouth while attending an event.
4. Social distancing shall be followed. There are blue Xs where people can sit.
5. There will be no concessions. Please limit carry in to beverages only.
6. There will be no admission charge.
7. Games will be broadcast on the WEARE network whenever possible.
8. No visitor fans will be allowed.
9. No passes of any variety will be honored. The only way to gain admittance is to have a school district issued ticket or to be considered essential game personnel.

For High School Cross Country or Golf:

1. Cloth face coverings will be required
2. Social distancing is expected to be followed (particularly at the start and finish line of cross country races).
3. There will be no tickets issued.
4. No concessions.
5. No admission charged (this is standard practice).

For middle school events, the same protocols will be in place as for high school, except the tickets can be given to a middle school student instead of a high school student, unless the high school student is a sibling.

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During this pandemic we have had to make difficult decisions that err on the side of safety. In this case, our primary goal is to have student/athletes enjoying athletics as long as possible. We feel that, while not popular with everyone, this is the best approach right now. Our focus is the safety of our students, the visiting student/athletes and for all those involved.

If you have questions regarding attendance at away events, we would urge you to contact your child's coach or our activities director, Paul Randolph. He can be reached via email at randopa@scfschools.com.

As we move forward we will continue to evaluate our approach. Should there be any changes, we will let the public know via our website and social media.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Burandt

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