WELCOME TO BANDITS SPRING LACROSSE SEASON

Thank you for joining Bandits Lacrosse---we are very excited to get this season underway. Our program will be beginning this Sunday, March 11th, indoors at Lake Forest College Sports & Recreation Center.  We have three separate age groups this year: 3rd/4th grade, 5th/6th grade, & 7th/8th grade. Due to limited indoor space, each team's schedule indoors is a little different. PLEASE CHECK YOUR TEAM'S SCHEDULE.  You will receive a separate team email.  Each team's schedule can be found on our website Team Page or Calendar at [www.banditslacrosseclub.org](http://www.banditslacrosseclub.org/).

**SCHEDULE LINKS:**

All players will begin the season with their own age group, regardless of where they may have played in the winter and fall sessions.

* [3rd/4th grade schedule](http://banditslacrosseclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/spring-2018-3rd-4th-schedule.pdf)
* [5th/6th grade schedule](http://banditslacrosseclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/spring-2018-5th-6th-schedukle.pdf)
* [7th/8th grade schedule](http://banditslacrosseclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/spring-2018-7th-8th-schedule.pdf)

**WEBSITE CALENDAR:**

[**http://banditslacrosseclub.org/calendar/**](http://banditslacrosseclub.org/calendar/)

**REMIND ALERT SYSTEM:**

We are requesting that everyone register for our **REMIND app** which alerts parents to last minute practice and/or game changes.  It takes 30 seconds to register and it will come in very handy during the season.

REMIND INSTRUCTIONS:

* 3rd/4th grades,   on your phone's messaging system, please text  @blc34 to 81010
* 5th/6th grades,   on your phone's messaging system, please text  @blc56 to 81010
* 7th/8th grades,   on your phone's messaging system, please text  @blc78 to 81010

**UNIFORMS, PINNIES, & UNIFORM BOTTOM FITTING:**

This **Sunday, March 11th**, we will be fitting the girls for their **uniform bottom (skorts)**, 30 minutes before each practice.  We will have samples to try.

* 3rd/4th fitting  2:30pm, Sun. March 11th
* 5th/6th fitting  3:30pm,  Sun, March 11th
* 7th/8th fitting  4:30pm,  Sun. March 11th

Uniforms jerseys have been pre-ordered do to the long wait time.  Once we receive them we will distribute them at practice----they are to be worn for games, along with the skort bottoms.  Your daughters will be given a **practice pinnie----they must wear them at all practices**.  If the uniforms do not arrive by our first games, we wear these pinnies. The weather can be cold in April----it is ok to wear warm tights, sweatpants, or anything else under their uniform to keep the players warm.

**INDOOR FOOTWEAR & EQUIPMENT:**

While we are indoors please be sure that your daughter **brings gym shoes**--we may be doing drills on the basketball court or tartan surface---no cleat surfaces.  If your daughter does wear cleats---also bring a spare pair of gym shoes.  Other necessary equipment:  mouthguard, girl's lacrosse stick, protective goggles, and a water bottle.

**INDOOR TURF RESTRICTIONS:**

The indoor field turf is only for players and coaches.  Parents please stay behind the protective curtains.  **No parents will be allowed on the turf**.  We need all the space we can carve out.  Lake Forest College does not want non-participants on the field, for safety reasons.  Also, players are asked to put their clothes and other equipment on the volleyball court side of the big curtain.  We need to keep the turf clear.

**PARENTS MEETING:**

We will have a short Parents Meeting for each separate team, where we will introduce ourselves and discuss our program's philosophy, our expectations, and our goals.

* 3rd/4th Parents Meeting,  Sun., March 18th,  2:45pm   (3:00pm practice)
* 5th/6th Parents Meeting,   Sun., March 18th, 3:45pm    (4:00pm practice)
* 7th/8th Parents Meeting,   Sun., March 18th, 4:45pm    (5:00pm practice)

**GAMES:**

The game schedule has not been announced. Most of our games will be between 9am-Noon on Saturdays beginning, April 7th.  We are founding members of the North Shore Lacrosse Conference, <https://www.nslaxconference.com/> , which is a mix of local independent clubs, travel teams, and house league teams, which makes for a good mix of competitions.  This is the 4th year of the NSLC.   We will also schedule a couple of week night games versus LF Country Day and OLPH.

Thank you for participating with the Bandits!

GO BANDITS!