**COPY OF EMAIL TO PARKVIEW AD’S AND VB COORDINATORS May 5, 2020**

As we all know the Covid-19 Virus has changed all of our lives forever.  We are learning more about this virus every day and what the future might look like is also changing every day.  At this point no one knows if students will be attending classes in the fall, playing sports, learning on line or when we might be able to get a haircut or our teeth cleaned.  Masses are supposed to start again May 31 with many changes.  Businesses are supposed to reopen soon but again with many changes to how they operate.  Even if schools, sporting events and businesses reopen the question remains if people will be willing to participate or just stay at home out of fear.  **At this point we feel that with regard to Parkview Volleyball we need to assume at this point that it will happen next fall and proceed accordingly.**  If it doesn't we will have to adjust accordingly.  Due to the current situation we have **decided not to have a meeting in May** as we have done in previous years and try to handle this all by email over the next few months.  Attached are the following forms 1) General Volleyball Information 2) Team Registration Form 3) Gym Availability 4) Blank Roster Form 5) Team Merger Request Form 6) 2019 Parkview AD and VB Coordinator List.  I will post these on the Parkview Website shortly.

Due to school being closed I am sure most if not all of you have not had a fall sport signup yet.  You have until July 31 to get your team registrations in so you still have plenty of time, however you need to come up with a plan soon as to how you are going to do this.  Email, website, in person or some other way.  You also need to determine your coaches for next season and practice schedules.  **We need to know who is staying on as AD or VB Coordinator at each school and if you are done, who will be taking over for you.  This is CRITICAL.  If you can revise the attached list and email me any changes ASAP I can add the new people to my Parkview email Group.  We need to know who to communicate with moving forward.**

We have decided to raise our ref pay from $25 per match to $28 per match because we have not raised our ref pay since 2016 and because other Leagues and Club pay $30 per match.  We are still on the low end but we are trying to keep our team fees down.  We pretty much broke even in volleyball the last few years so this $3 increase equates to a $35 increase per team.  Therefore our team fees will increase from $300 per team to $335 per team. I need your check by July 31 along with your Team Registration and Gym Availability. Hopefully we will know by July 31 if the Arch. will allow teams to play next season as practice is scheduled to start Aug. 10.  If not we will not cash your checks right away until we get a decision.  We can mail them back or destroy them if we can not play.

Assuming we do play I suspect the WIAA, State Government and the Arch. will require some changes regarding social distancing, probably no team handshakes before and after the match, maybe no concessions, etc.  Along with that I am concerned about some of our gyms that have limited bleacher capacity.  Some gyms that come to mind are St. Alphonsus, Divine Mercy, St. Gregory the Great, St. Bruno, and maybe even St. Matthias.  I am not trying to pick on any gyms but we all need to think about what we will do if social distancing of 6 feet is required in the stands.  Some gyms have additional bleaches like St. Leonard's that they might be able to add.  Other gyms are big enough that maybe they could add some chairs on the floor behind the endlines or behind the benches or on the stage.  But some gyms are very tight with little or no options.  We also need to think about fans coming early for the next match too and whether we let them in the bleachers or make them wait until the prior match ends and if we make them wait, where do they wait, in their cars, the gym lobby or where? If we only schedule matches at the larger gyms we need additional gym time from them and the smaller gyms will not have any home matches and miss out on revenue from admissions and concessions if concessions are allowed.  I would not stock up on any concessions products until we know for sure you will be allowed to sell anything.  Maybe some of the small gyms could collaborate with larger gyms that don't have a lot of teams like St. Aloysius, Blessed Sacrament, Indian Community School etc. to work out some kind of deal to use their gyms and furnish people for scorers, admissions, concessions, etc. Not ideal but something to think about.  We need to wait until we know what changes are required regarding large groups of fans but we need to start thinking creatively now so we are prepared to comply with whatever the new rules might be.  Think about hand sanitizer stations in your gym, gym lobby or entrances, locker rooms, scorers tables, concessions, etc. We may have to consider scheduling matches at 1 hour 15 minute intervals for some of the small gyms, however that would require the teams with double headers and the refs to wait an extra 15 minutes.  We would probably need to compensate those refs accordingly.  Again, not ideal, but something to think about.  Tournaments have been tough enough to fill in the past and I suspect will be even more difficult to fill this year so you might want to think twice about running tournaments this year until we know more about where this whole thing is headed.

If you have any feedback you can either reply just to me or reply to all to get a dialog started.  I know there are other ways to do this such as Messenging, Instagram, Twitter or Facebook but I am still kind of "Old School" and hope we can do this through email and our website.  For now start working on your registrations, let me know of any changes in AD's or Coordinators and if you are looking for schools to possibly merge with either email or call them directly based on the attached List.  We have been pretty lenient on mergers with regard to location and will probably do the same this year.  Keep in mind you can always move players up a grade however the entire class needs to move up not just select players.  If you have any situations or questions please feel free to let us know and we will be happy to give you our input.  Good Luck, God Help us and stay safe.