

Pioneer Cross Country

Welcome (parents and athletes)

Coach Daniels – pioneertrack@gmail.com

Coach Cheshire

Coach Wallace

Coach Maria

Coach Joyner

Please sign up to receive emails at: <http://goo.gl/forms/7YLBhnUy2Hctnxmw2>

Rules and Expectations

- Dressed ready to run EVERYDAY – this includes proper running attire, proper running shoes and a watch.
- Attendance policy – No tardies!!
 - You are allowed 2 missed practice.
 - You are a student-athlete. Academics come first. If you fall behind in a class, or you are not doing well, let me know ***before*** practice. That is an excused absence. You are expected to make up the running on your own or if you are late, I'll stick around to help you out.
- Community Service-- many opportunities in the community, with elementary schools – each team will support a community service project that all Varsity members must be a part of. It is encourage letting the student-athletes decide which community service project they would like to support.
- Role Models – shall be role models within the school and community.

Practices

- All athletes must have a **physical** completed. It needs to be dated after May 1st. The VHSL form it must be turned in on is under “files & links” on patriotpioneers.org. This needs to be completed BEFORE you practice with the team this summer.
- Everyone must have gone to **concussion training**. Patriot concussion training will take place at Patriot High School in the auditorium. The schedule is as follows:
 - TBD, will be announced on patriotpioneers.org.
- If you already had in-person concussion training, you will be able to take on online course sometime in mid-July. It needs to be dated after June 20th.
- Monday through Friday and occasionally on Saturday when we don't have a meet. I will have a weekly schedule of what we are doing and where we will be and post it on the team website at www.patriotpioneers.org. Thursday we will have practice in the morning. There will not be practice on Thursday afternoon. Please plan all appointments then.
- Study hall times 2:00-2:30 – this can also be used for training room time. Students will not get dressed for practice or games prior to study hall. Study hall will be monitored by the coaching staff and can be done individually by team (in coach's classroom).
- You must have 20 practices before you can race the first meet.
- **First Practice** will be August 1st at 600pm at the track. If it rains or is too hot, we will use the commons. Be dressed and ready to run at practice.
- **Tryout Dates** – Monday, August 1st – TBD, Paperwork check-in. If you haven't completed the yellow form prior to 8/1, then you MUST attend. The yellow form will come with you to practice in the evening.

600pm Patriot High School Track
Tuesday, August 2nd - 800am Bristoe Station
Wednesday, August 3rd – 800am Bristoe Station
Thursday, August 4th – Two mile time trial, 6pm Bristoe Station

Meets

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- Unfortunately, due to the size of the team, we may have to make cuts this year. We will have a 2 mile time trial in early August. There will be no cut times, rather, the coaching staff will select the 40 best athletes for each boys and girls team. It will be a combination of time, work ethic and grades.
- Coaches will make decisions on who is going to be running. Decisions will be final and based on how the athletes are running. No one is guaranteed a varsity spot at any given meet.
- Everyone must ride the bus to and from the meet unless otherwise acknowledged by Coach Daniels. We warm-up as a team, and we cool down as a team.
- Parents, please do not speak with your child once they start warming up, and then until the cool down is fully completed.

Communication

- pioneertrack@gmail.com. I try to get back to everyone within 24 hours.

Team Website

- Please sign up to receive emails from the school website. Mr. Qualls, Patriot AD, will send out emails about meets and post them to the website.

Nutrition

- Running is a lifestyle, not just a sport. Eat healthy and give yourself every opportunity to be successful. Drink plenty of WATER. No Junk Food. I will talk more about this at the beginning of the season.

Uniforms/Warmups

- TBD – Each athlete will be purchasing their own uniform this season. It will be good for indoor and outdoor track as well.

T-Shirts

- Design will change this year. Boys and girls may also design a shirt that we will make available for purchase.

Fundraising

- Pioneer Cards

Parents

- You are encouraged to get involved.
 - Help keep your children healthy, water, no soda, don't eat junk food.
 - Keep in communication with me.
 - Keep kids prepared for practice.
 - Keep up on grades.
- Parent representatives – 1 parent per grade – to help with organization of pasta parties, end of the year banquet.
- Booster Rep – are there any?
- Pasta parties – 1 or 2 families supply pasta.
- Signup – questions