

2019 PORTAGE CENTRAL MENS TENNIS SUMMER NEWS

Tryouts and Official Team Practices:

Commence Monday, August 12th 9:00-11:00am at the PC Courts and will be held every week day until the start of school.

Summer Hitting Practices:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:30am at the PC Courts starting June 25th and will run up until tryouts.

These are optional drop-in practices. Understandably people have vacations, camps, jobs, other obligations, etc. so we run the hitting practices over the course of the entire summer in the hopes that everyone interested in playing has the opportunity to attend at least some – if not all -- of the practices. And for our incoming freshmen and transfers – it is a great way to get to know and hit with the team prior to tryouts.

Coach Nancy has provided a hopper of balls so all players need to bring is a racket and plenty of water. In the event that the Stable is not open – there are porta potties available.

Inclement weather: We know that a number of players are carpooling to practice so we will make every effort to let everyone know via the Facebook page by 9:15am if practice is cancelled due to inclement weather. As we get closer to tryouts we will reschedule rained out practices but for now we hope everyone will just grab a friend and go hit when the courts dry out on the days that hitting practice has to be cancelled.

Facebook Page:

We use Facebook as our primary means of communication about hitting practices, uniform and spirit wear orders, physicals, tryouts, etc. Simply type in Portage Central Mens Tennis 2019 and ask to join the group. For those of you not on Facebook, please contact our Team Mom, Shelly Denny, and she will e-mail the information to you.

Physicals:

The MHSAA Official Physical form is attached. We will also have copies available at the hitting practices or the form can be found in the Forms & Links section of PC's Athletics

Page: www.pcmustangsports.com

Physicals must be dated after April 15, 2019 and **must be turned into the Main Office or the Athletic Office – not given to the coaches -- prior to tryouts.** Please note that both of the offices will have shortened summer hours and we will publish those as soon as we receive them.

Physicals can be conducted by your personal physician/pediatrician. Otherwise the following are a couple of local options that players have used:

Hometown Urgent Care:

245 W. Centre (Portage Centre Plaza - the shopping center with Lo Dos and Yopa)

269-323-2450

Hours: 8am-7pm weekdays; 9am-5pm weekends

Hometown Urgent Care:

5142 S. Westnedge (Willow Creek Shopping Center - the strip mall across the street from the Meijers at Kilgore & Westnedge)

269-216-7169

Hours: 9am-7pm weekdays; 9am-3pm weekends

The cost for a sports physical at both facilities is \$25.00. But please note - they do not bill insurance and they do not take appointments – walk-ins only.

Uniforms:

Look for the order forms for uniforms to come out in mid July. They will be posted on the Facebook page and distributed at the hitting practices.

The uniform for Varsity and JV is the same and consists of a pair of athletic shorts and a shirt which is mandatory. The players will also have the option of purchasing extra shorts and/or shirts as well as matching accessories such as hats and wristbands. These are not mandatory.

Spirit Wear:

Due to popular demand we will again have an online shopping mall for PC Tennis spirit wear (hoodies, t-shirts, sweatpants, etc.) that can be worn by players, family & friends. However this year we are going to open the mall much earlier so we can distribute the merchandise at the beginning of the season (lesson learned last year).

We anticipate opening the mall in late July and will hand out flyers at the summer hitting practices and post the link on the Facebook page so stay tuned...

Schedule / Scheduling Conflicts:

We hope to have the JV and Varsity Schedules out shortly.

In the interim – it looks like we have some SAT/ACT scheduling conflicts with two – possibly three -- big Varsity tournaments:

- Saturday, August 24th – Brother Rice Quad at Stowe Stadium conflicts with a SAT test date (we also have the Ann Arbor Invite on Friday, August 23rd so the guys are going to really be busting it over these two days)
- Saturday, September 14th – Greater Kalamazoo Tournament conflicts with an ACT test date.
- Saturday, October 5th is a SAT test date – we MAY have a Quad on this date and will let everyone know as soon as the schedule is finalized.

In the meantime, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE – PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE THE ACT OR SAT ON THESE DATES.

Player Information/Survey Sheet:

The Player Information/Survey Sheet will be passed out at the team meeting and will be posted on the Facebook page. Copies will also be available at the summer hitting practices.

Please complete and turn in the Player Information/Survey Sheet to Jack Denny **as soon as possible**.

Completed surveys can be returned to Jack:

- At the hitting practices
- By e-mail: mdenny@ssponline.com
- By fax: 269-629-8004
- Or by dropping it off or mailing it to: 8368 Canary Drive, Kalamazoo 49009

Summer Contact Information:

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Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you should have any questions or require additional information.

Looking forward to a fantastic 2019 Season!! Go Mustangs!!