



Luther High School

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School Reopening Update

Luther High School has submitted a reopening plan to the La Crosse Health Department. The plan has received initial approval and is now being sent to the head of the health department for final approval. We will publish the plan to the Luther High School Association as soon as we can.

WIAA Delays Start to Fall Seasons

In a special session on July 23, the WIAA Board of Control voted to delay the start of the 2020 fall sports season due to the pandemic. For Luther, this means the official start date for Cross Country and Girls Tennis will be August 17. Volleyball and Football will now officially begin on September 7. The WIAA decision also allowed schools who will not be able to participate in the 2020 fall season an option to move to the spring season of 2021. Details on that option need to be developed.

The WIAA action is just one piece of the puzzle, however. Each school in the state is working in conjunction with their local health departments to determine guidance on when sport practices and competitions can return to action safely. This may vary from sport to sport and region to region. At the time of the writing of this article, the La Crosse County Health Department guidance has not yet been published.



Athletic Participation Forms

As we continue to prepare for the start of the fall season, remember that all forms must be submitted prior to the first day of practice for each sport. Forms are available on the [Luther Athletic website](#) and can be downloaded/printed from there. If you need hard copies or have any questions about what you need for your child's participation, contact [Dulcey Zillmer](#) in the athletic office (608-783-5435 ext. 1647).

Here is a summary of what is needed for participation:

Physicals (Green Card)

- Who? All new students and incoming Juniors (or returning students with an expiring physical).
- Frequency? Physicals are generally valid for TWO school years. A current physical card must be on file prior to the first day of practice.
- Waiver? For those returning athletes who HAD a physical on file with Luther, a waiver extension can be requested IF they cannot get a physical completed prior to the start of the season. **They must complete and submit the waiver extension form to the Athletic Office.** The waiver extension will apply only to the fall season. For those athletes who do NOT have a physical card on file (which will include most freshmen), there is no opportunity for a waiver.

[Click Here](#) for the WIAA Physical Extension link.

Permission to Participate (BLUE) Medical Consent (BEIGE) WI Concussion Forms (YELLOW)

- Who? All participants
- Frequency? Completed annually
- Waiver? None allowed



Athletic Fees

The August 1 due date for athletic fees for the 2020-2021 fall season has been deferred. These fees will not be due until the first day of competition of each sport. If you have any general questions, please contact the [athletic office](#). If you have questions specific to TADS/billing, please contact the [business office](#).

Pre-Season Fall Sports Parent Meeting

As noted earlier, the parent/athlete pre-season meeting will now be completed in an online format. A link will be provided in next week's Knightly News (August 4). This online presentation will cover information that applies to all sports. Specific information on each fall sport will be provided by the respective varsity head coaches.

Football Poms/Dance Team Cancelled

Due to a number of issues surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the fall season of poms/dance will not take place. Our focus will move to restarting this program in the winter season.

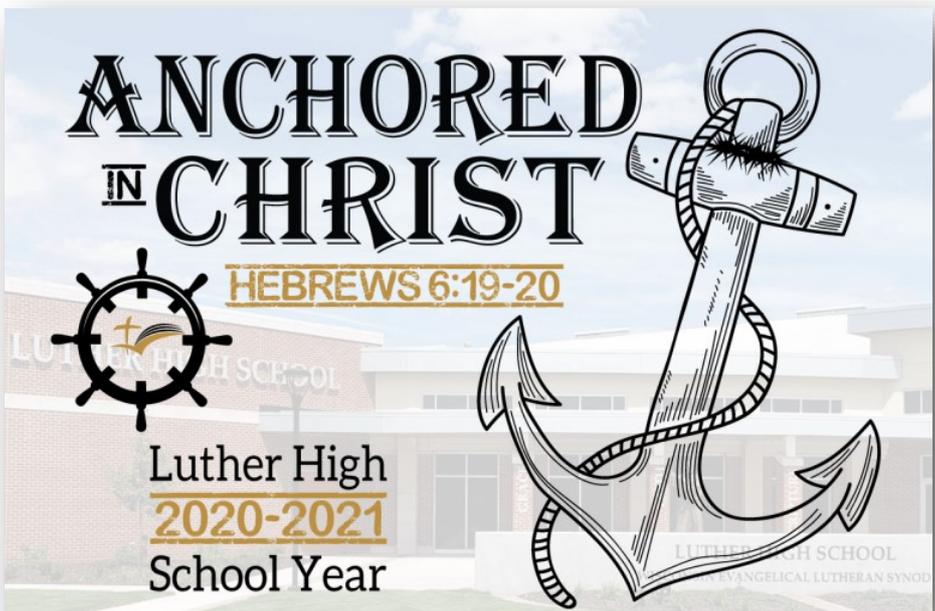
TADS

Reminder that everyone MUST have a completed and signed TADS agreement in place by August 1. Click [here](#) to sign up for TADS.

No co-curricular participation can take place without the TADS agreement completed. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the uncertainty it brings to sport participation, athletic fees at this time will be deferred until a plan for fall sports is finalized. Athletic fees will then be due prior to the first practice for each sport. All other fees for co-curricular activities are still due on August 1.

[LHS Online Calendar](#)

Please click on the link above for the most up-to-date calendar information at Luther High School.



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