

Saint Bede Athletic Association



Dear Parents

The purpose of this letter is to introduce you to the St. Bede Athletic Association (SBAA). The SBAA is an organization that provides sports programming to St. Bede students. The SBAA is run entirely by volunteers, most of whom are parents of students at St Bede.

A general overview of the sports programming provided by the SBAA is as follows:

Fall & Spring Soccer

Length of Season: Fall - Approximately August 24th through early November.
 Spring - Approximately early April through May.

Eligibility: First through eighth grades. First and second grades play in the junior developmental league, 5v5 soccer on a $\frac{1}{4}$ field with a size 3 ball. Third and fourth graders play in the Developmental league, 8v8 soccer on a $\frac{1}{2}$ field with a size 4 ball. Fifth and sixth graders play in the Junior Varsity league, 11v11 soccer on a full field with a size 4 ball. Seventh and eighth graders play in the Varsity league, 11v11 soccer on a full field with a size 5 ball. There may or may not be one team for each level due to enrollment.

Fall Cross Country

Length of Season: Approximately August 25th through October 19th.

Eligibility: Third through eighth grades. Younger students are welcome if they have older siblings on the team. Fitness and participation are emphasized during practice. Third, fourth, and fifth graders can race competitively at meets on the Junior Varsity team. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders can race competitively on the Varsity team. Participation in the competitive races is optional based upon the choice of the student.

Basketball

Length of Season: Approximately October 15th through March 1st.

Eligibility: Third through eighth grades. Third and fourth graders play on Developmental teams. Fifth and sixth graders play on Junior Varsity teams. Seventh and eighth graders play on Varsity teams. If there are a sufficient number of participants to have more than one Varsity team, the SBAA implements an "A & B" system where an evaluation process takes place and based upon skill level the participants are assigned to the appropriate team.

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Registration online at <http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/saintbedeschool>. Every athlete participating in a sport must submit a completed SBAA Physician and Parent Release Form. This form is good for one school year. If an athlete participates in more than one sport, only one copy of the SBAA Physician and Parent Release Form needs to be submitted.

All costs associated with providing the sports programming by the SBAA are covered by the registration fees and fundraising. It is also the expectation by the Parish that a contribution be made by the SBAA to cover expenses associated with maintenance and usage of the gym, insurances, and other related expenses. The major fundraisers for the SBAA are the Christmas Tree Sale, Mardi Gras, NCAA March Madness, and Sarris Chocolate Sale. Also, for all home basketball games, the SBAA runs a concession stand, charges admission fees, and conducts a 50/50 raffle. All of these fundraisers are organized, coordinated, and worked by volunteer parents of the students participating in SBAA sports. Additionally, parent volunteers are needed to perform such duties as be a team parent, keep the book, and work the clock for the various sports.

It is expected and needed that all parents will volunteer time to assist with these fundraising and volunteer activities. Each of these fundraisers and volunteer opportunities will be more fully explained to you once your child has registered to play a sport by the coordinators and team parents of each of the various sports and/or by the SBAA Committee members.

If you have a skill or knowledge of a particular sport and wish to volunteer as an assistant or head coach, please contact one of the current SBAA Committee members below. We welcome your child's participation in the SBAA and look forward to your assistance in continuing the success of the SBAA.

Committee

President: Carmine Fantini
Vice-President: Vacant
Treasurer: Jerry Conner
Secretary: Lynda Sassic
Soccer Coordinator: Shelby Marion
Basketball Coordinator: Chris Bandurski
Cross Country Coordinator: Tammy Green

Managers

Communications: Sherri Knight Figallo
Facilities: Vacant
Equipment: Will McCrady
Concessions: Crystal Truner