



August 2011

## Welcome to the Steiner School soccer program

This year soccer practice will begin on Fri Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> not on the first day of school. As of this writing I am securing some of the coaches. Mr. Orobio will be coaching the boys and I am finalizing the other coaches .

Experience is not a requirement. There is a definite carry-over into the classroom when classmates learn to play as a team and give support to each other. All schedules will be given out during the first full week of school. The soccer tournaments at BCD for 14 and under will consist of players through the eighth grade. The girls should reserve Saturday, **October 22nd** and the boys should keep Saturday, **October 29th** open. We will be taking part in a 7 on 7 soccer tournament at Dutchess Day on Friday, **September 23rd**. This is a co-ed tournament for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. More information to come about this day.

**Practice:** Practices are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 3 - 4:45 p.m. Games are on these days as well. Attendance is required all days, unless a child is absent from school or has made special arrangements with the athletic director. Once a commitment has been made, the student is expected to participate for the duration of the program and to be available for all games. Please call me if there is a consistent (i.e. lesson) one-day conflict. I prefer for the student to play than to not participate at all.

**Transportation:** There is no after school bus for MA students. Parents are expected to pick students up at school. If transportation is a reason for not participating, please let me know. The New York Taconic late bus will continue to provide service for our NY students.

**Athletic clothing:** Participants must always be appropriately dressed for practice, with soccer socks, shorts, t-shirts, cleats, shin-pads and sweatpants. Shin-pads and soccer cleats are mandatory. The school provides team uniforms. **Each player is responsible for his/her uniform. All uniforms NOT RETURNED at the end of the season will be charged a fee.** Shin-pads and soccer cleats can be purchased at Jacks & Barrington Outfitters in Great Barrington, Reynolds Team Sales in the Allendale shopping center in Pittsfield or at the Berkshire Mall.

Important – This is NOT the time to get ears pierced as the referees will ask that all jewelry be taken out. No taping over the ear will be allowed.

Remember, the sports line is **528-4015, ext. 150**. For messages to Krista Palmer, use **ext. 110**

I look forward to working with the students in team building skills, soccer skills and cultivating good sportsmanship.

Sincerely,

*Krista Palmer*

Krista Palmer, Athletic director

*Fill out form below and return. Keep 1<sup>st</sup> page of letter for information.*

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**AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM**  
*Effective Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*All practices 3-4:45 p.m. Pick-up at 4:45 p.m.*

I give permission for my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the Soccer Program, and I agree to meet all the commitments and requirements regarding attendance and dress code.

Print name, then sign:

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*Parent/Guardian*

*Circle if applicable*    My child will need NY bus service.