

Athletic Director Report
August 18, 2026

All of our fall seasons have officially started but Mother Nature is making it difficult to navigate. For the last week and a half, she has forced us to stay indoors or have very late practices. I am happy to say that we were finally able to get a JH baseball and softball game in tonight. The softball team played a solid six innings but ran out of gas in the 7th falling short to a tough Chester team. The JH baseball team held on and defeated Chester 11-10. Excellent play by both teams. They will continue their week (if the rain holds off) with baseball playing conference team SPPCS on Wednesday and Friday and Good Shepherd on Thursday. JV softball had Columbia on Wednesday and Smithton on Thursday, and our varsity JH team plays at Lebanon on Friday.

Friday night lights will be here soon! This Friday, our season opener is on the road at Alton HS field vs Alton Marquette. The Tiger football team has used all 20 of their summer contact days as well as their season practice days to prepare for this road game. Kickoff is at 7:00 pm! The home opener will be on Aug. 28 against Baylor High School starting at 7:00 pm.

The volleyball team has a week and a half left to prepare for their season opener which will be at home on Sept. 2 against Madison, with the JV game starting at 5:00 pm and the varsity to follow.

JH and HS cross country have also been working hard and braving the heat (when allowed) to gear up for their season kick off at New Athens (HS) on August 24 at 6:00 pm and ICS Invitational (JH) on August 25 at 4:30 pm.

Girls golf had their season opener canceled due to the heat and will get their chance on Thursday at the Steepleville Girls Tournament at Pyramid Oaks starting at 1:30 pm. The boys will have their first chance on Wednesday, when they travel to Oakbrook Golf Course to face off with Metro East Lutheran (weather permitting).

Be sure to come to our first home football game so that you can check out the new attire our cheer and dance teams have earned for themselves! They will look great and can't wait to show everyone their new cheers, dances, and moves that they have been working so hard on.

We are ready.... are you? GO TIGERS!