

March 9, 2010

Dear Parents,

As you may already know, the St. Robert Athletic Association has decided to start a track program for our 5th through 8th grade athletes. We are in the process of finalizing plans to initiate the track season this spring. The track season is relatively short, and would begin in mid-April after spring break and would be completed by the end of May.

In order to better gauge the number of students who may be interested, I would ask that you complete the enclosed consent form and return it to the school office as soon as possible, **no later than March 26, 2010**. If your child does not have a current health form that must be completed and returned as well. It is important that we have a pretty good handle on the potential number of participants in the new program so that we can plan accordingly. The fee will include a Bobcat track t-shirt as well as admission to all meets.

There will be a number of running events as well as field events for your child to consider. Individual events of 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1600 meter distances will be offered. In addition, there will be relays of 4 x 100, 4 x 200 and 4 x 400. Potential field events may include a long jump, high jump, discus and shot-put. Once again, you do not need to commit to any particular events at this time, but I wanted you to be aware of the options. I expect that the coaching staff will try to place the kids in the most appropriate events once we have a practice or two under our belts. We will have at least four practices before our first meet, and then one or two practice per week, depending on meets. It's not too early for your kids to start doing some running before practices begin!

At this time, we have several parents who have volunteered to assist me with coaching. We may need additional parent volunteers to help coordinate and supervise the kids when we are participating in formal meets. It looks like we will sign up for 4-5 meets, and we will probably want several additional parents at each meet. We will send out more information as well as a request for volunteers once we have more specific information on the dates and locations of the meets.

We are very excited to be able to offer an another sport in addition to volleyball and basketball to our St. Robert's student athletes. This should be a great opportunity for the kids to demonstrate some of their individual talent and to continue to foster the Bobcat team spirit in the relay events and in the overall success of the track program.

If anyone has specific questions about the track program, or if you are interested in volunteering some time, please feel free to contact me. **We are especially interested in any parents who have prior track experience!** You can reach me by email at rccurtis@rccurtislaw.com or on my cell phone at 414-881-1531. Thanks in advance for your support of this exciting new program.

Sincerely yours,



Ron Curtis
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St. Robert Athletic Association Board Member