



January 7, 2021

Dear US students and families involved in winter athletics,

Wishing you all a happy new year; I hope you and your family have enjoyed a healthy and peaceful winter break.

After a careful review of how best to safely conduct the remainder of the winter athletics season, BB&N's Health & Safety Committee has approved a plan in which teams will proceed similarly to the fall:

- The 9th and 10th grade cohorts for all Varsity and JV teams will practice on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- 11th and 12th graders on these teams will practice on Thursdays and Fridays.
- On Wednesdays, cohorts across all four grades will practice together as a full unit for each team.

As Dr. Price noted in her letter to the community on Tuesday night, our upcoming implementation of a surveillance testing program, combined with the fact that we have not seen viral spread within BB&N, provides us with this opportunity to carry cross-cohorting into winter athletics, just as we did in the fall. We will closely monitor cross-cohorted practices for the first few weeks in the hope that we can consider scheduling scrimmages versus other ISL schools once we have launched our pooled testing program at the Upper School later this month.

Some teams will begin practices today (Thursday, January 7) in cohorts similar to December practices, and all winter teams will be permitted to begin cross-cohorted practices next week (Jan 11-15). Please keep in mind, student-athletes and coaches will continue to follow all state and local [guidelines](#) put in place for practices in December.

Independent School League heads of school will meet soon to discuss the possibility of scrimmages among member schools. I look forward to keeping you informed of what emerges from that meeting.

Chuck Richard
Director of Athletics