

Dear Onteora parents and community members:

As parents and educators, we are committed to the safety and well-being of our students. This week, the District administration has had to take steps to suspend a number of Varsity Football players from the team for the duration of two games. Unfortunately, these suspensions will result in having too few participants for the remaining players on the team to safely compete on Friday at Millbrook as was scheduled. We are not yet certain regarding the next game on Saturday, September 28th. We will continue to update the schedule as we move forward.

Last Friday, September 13, the District received a complaint that an event had occurred at which there were violations of our Interscholastic Athletic Code of Conduct, and that a number of our Varsity Football players had been involved.

The District immediately began looking into the allegations and found that there were violations of the Interscholastic Athletic Code of Conduct, which can be found at: (<http://bit.ly/2mkCin3>). As a result, and in accordance with the consequences outlined in the Interscholastic Athletic Code of Conduct, the players involved have been given appropriate consequences.

We understand that the loss of this game is likely to disappoint many students, athletes, parents, and community members. We are also disappointed. Football games, along with other athletic contests, can serve as a common meeting ground for members of the school community and a focal point for school spirit.

We understand that young people can and do make mistakes, and we hope that this unfortunate incident will serve as a learning experience for all involved. We will continue to support all of our students and we believe that they will continue to be successful in their future endeavors. Thank you for your understanding.

Please know that our Homecoming celebration will still take place on Saturday, and there is much to celebrate in Onteora.

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