## Parents -

I have put together a summer running plan for the kids. I know many kids use cross country to condition for other sports or just to socialize and have fun. This is a great sport for that. Cross Country is a great way to get the kids outside, exercising, and making friends.

This plan is not mandatory, but will really prime the kids for the season. If your kids are ambitious and would like to excel in running, this schedule will help. This will prepare them to run their race distance (see below) without walking by the first day of practice. Please print the appropriate calendar below for your runner(s). They may want to record their distances or times.

Pre - k = . 5 K ( 0.3 miles)
1st - 4th $=1 \mathrm{~K}$ ( 0.6 miles)
5th -6 th $=2 \mathrm{~K}$ ( 1.2 miles)
7th -8 th $=3 k$ ( 1.9 miles)
High school $=5 \mathrm{~K}$ (3.1 miles)

## Beginner (Recreational) High School Runners:

High school runners will run 5 k ( 3.1 mile) races. This schedule will gradually build up your strength and endurance. By your first practice you will be able to run your race distance without walking. You are not required to do summer running, but it might make your season more fun. Feel free to tailor your own workouts.

Cross training suggestions: swimming, cycling, rock climbing, jumping on a trampoline, and hiking. These activities can help develop muscles that running ignores. Also, run on soft surfaces such as gravel and grass when possible.

JUNE 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & \text { Rest } \end{aligned}$ | 3 <br> 10 minute walk/run | 4 <br> Cross <br> training <br> 20 min | 5 10 min. walk/run | 6 <br> Cross <br> training <br> 20 min | 7 <br> 10 min walk/run | 8 <br> DISTANCE <br> DAY: <br> 15 min <br> walk/run |
| $\begin{aligned} & 9 \\ & \text { Rest } \end{aligned}$ | 10 10 min walk/run | 11 Cross training 20 min | 12 <br> 10 min walk/run | 13 Cross training 20 min | 14 10 min walk/run | 15 DISTANCE DAY: 15 min walk/run |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 16 \\ \text { Rest } \end{array}$ | 17 <br> Eliminate walking 10 min run | 18 Cross training 20 min | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 10 \text { min run } \end{aligned}$ | 20 <br> Cross <br> training <br> 20 min | 21 <br> 10 min run | 22 <br> DISTANCE <br> DAY <br> 15 min run |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 23 \\ \text { Rest } \end{array}$ | 24 <br> 15 min run | 25 <br> Cross <br> training <br> 20 min | $\begin{aligned} & 26 \\ & 15 \text { min run } \end{aligned}$ | 27 <br> Cross <br> training <br> 20 min | 28 <br> 15 min run | 29 <br> DISTANCE <br> DAY <br> 20 min run |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 30 \\ \text { Rest } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

July 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 <br> 20 min <br> run | 2 <br> Cross <br> Training <br> 20 min | 3 <br> 20 min run | 4 <br> Cross <br> Training <br> 20 min | 5 <br> 20 min <br> run | 6 <br> DISTANCE <br> DAY <br> 30 min <br> run/walk |  |
| 7 <br> REST | 8 <br> 25 min <br> run | 9 <br> Cross <br> Training <br> 30 min | 10 <br> 25 min run | 11 <br> Cross <br> Training <br> 30 min | 12 <br> 25 min <br> run | 13 <br> DISTANCE <br> DAY <br> 30 min <br> run/walk |
| 14 <br> REST | 15 <br> 25 min <br> run | 16 <br> Cross <br> Training <br> 30 min | 17 <br> 25 min run | 18 <br> Cross <br> Training <br> 30 min | 19 <br> 25 min <br> run | 20 <br> DISTANCE <br> DAY <br> 30 min <br> run/walk |
| 21 <br> REST | 22 <br> 25 min <br> run | 23 <br> Cross <br> Training <br> 30 min | 25 min run | 25 <br> Cross <br> Training <br> 30 min | 26 <br> 25 min <br> run | 27 <br> DISTANCE <br> DAY <br> 30 min run |
| 28 <br> REST | 29 <br> 30 min <br> run | 30 <br> Cross <br> Training <br> 30 min | 31 | 30 min run |  |  |

## Motivated Distance High School Runners:

This summer training plan focuses on building endurance. Once the season starts we will concentrate more on speed, intensity, hills, and rough terrain running.

The Sunday box gives your weekly distance goals. Aim to run 5 days per week, the 6th day will be for cross training, and rest on the 7th.

Your long run miles are included in the total weekly distance. High school runners should do a long run once per week to increase endurance and improve aerobic fitness. This distance should be about 25 percent of your total weekly mileage. Some distance runners prefer to prescribe their long runs according to time rather than distance. I would suggest running for an hour once per week and increasing that time by 5 minutes per week not to exceed 90 minutes by the end of the summer.

## June 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 <br> Total for Week 1: <br> 15 miles | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 <br> Total for Week 2: <br> Lo miles <br> Long Run - 5 miles | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 <br> Total for Week 3: <br> 20 miles <br> Long Run - 5 miles | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 <br> Total for week 4: <br> 27 miles <br> Long Run- 7 miles | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 <br> Total for Week 5: <br> 27 <br> Long Run- 7 miles |  |  |  |  |  |  |

July 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
|  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
|  | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 <br> Total for week 9 <br> 40 miles <br> Long Run-10 m: | 29 | 30 | 31 | Team workouts begin! |  |  |

Cross training suggestions: swimming, cycling, rock climbing, jumping on a trampoline, and hiking. These activities can help develop muscles that running ignores. Also, run on soft surfaces such as gravel and grass when possible.

5th - 8th Grade Runners

Cross training suggestions: swimming, cycling, rock climbing, jumping on a trampoline, and hiking. These activities can help develop muscles that running ignores. Also, run on soft surfaces such as gravel and grass when possible.

June 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & \text { Rest } \end{aligned}$ |  | 4 <br> Cross training | 5 <br> $1 / 2$ mile run/walk or 10 min | 6 | 7 <br> $1 / 2$ mile run/walk or 10 min | 8 <br> Cross training |
| $\begin{aligned} & 9 \\ & \text { Rest } \end{aligned}$ |  | 11 Cross training |  | 13 |  | 15 Cross training |
| $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & \text { Rest } \end{aligned}$ | $17$ <br> 1 mile run/walk or 15 min | 18 Cross training | 19 <br> 1 mile run/walk or 15 min | 20 | 21 <br> 1 mile run/walk or 15 min | 22 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 23 \\ & \text { Rest } \end{aligned}$ | 24 1 mile run/walk or 15 min | 25 Cross training | 26 <br> 1 mile run/walk or 15 min | 27 | 28 <br> 1 mile run/walk or 15 min | 29 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 30 \\ & \text { Rest } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

July 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Eliminate <br> walking <br> this <br> month. | 1 <br> 1 mile(or <br> 15 min) <br> run | 2 <br> Cross <br> training | 3 <br> 1 mile(or 15 <br> min) run | 4 | 5 <br> 1 mile(or <br> 15 min) <br> run | 6 |
| 7 | 8 <br> 1 mile(or <br> 15 min) <br> run | 9 <br> Cross <br> training | 10 <br> 1 mile(or 15 <br> min) run | 11 | 12 <br> 1 mile(or <br> 15 min) <br> run | 13 |
| 14 | 15 <br> 2 mile (or <br> 20 min) <br> run | 16 <br> Cross <br> training | 17 <br> 2 mile (or <br> 20 min) run | 18 | 19 <br> 2 mile (or <br> 20 min) <br> run | 20 |
| 21 | 22 <br> 2 mile (or <br> 20 min) <br> run | 23 <br> Cross <br> training | 24 mile (or <br> 20 min) run | 25 | 26 <br> 2 mile (or <br> 20 min) <br> run | 27 |
| 28 | 29 <br> 2 mile (or <br> 20 min) <br> run | 30 <br> Cross <br> training | 31 <br> 2 mile (or <br> 20 min) run | Team <br> running <br> begins! | s |  |

