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2018/2019 Soccer Academy Program Information

What is it?

The Dunsmuir Soccer Academy is a comprehensive soccer program offered to all students next year in grades 7 & 8 at Dunsmuir Middle School. The program is run by Meghan Caldwell and Moira Hood. Both are certified teachers and have been heavily involved with soccer in many capacities throughout their lives.

How does it fit into your child's class schedule?

The program fits in as a regular part of the school day. It occupies a total of 4 blocks within the schedule. Students will receive 2 on field sessions each week (approximately 1.5 hours). We currently train at the Royal Bay turf.

Is our program the right fit for your child?

Dunsmuir soccer academy is designed to accommodate students who possess an enthusiasm and passion for soccer. We are not a program reserved for elite players. We welcome players of all skills levels and any degree of experience. This can range from those with little or no experience to those who have played for years. Our program is based on skill-development, with an emphasis on working to improve all aspects of the student's technical skills. It is expected that our students are committed to continual growth as both players and individuals. As it is a program of choice, there is a fee associated with soccer academy.

What are our expectations?

Students in the soccer academy can succeed by being prepared to provide their best effort on a daily basis, maintaining a strong work ethic and demonstrating a constant desire to improve. Our academy expects that all students commit to demonstrating our school values of *Honesty, Kindness, and Respect* towards: teammates, officials, coaches, opponents, and other staff that they interact with on a regular basis. As is consistently stated, our goal is not only to foster their improvement as soccer players, but to help them as individuals to become more responsible citizens in both the school and local community.



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What is our outlook for the upcoming year?

We want to offer an experience that allows our players optimal room for growth, with an understanding that we are working together to achieve our goals. In saying this, we aim to offer a complete and comprehensive on field component that fosters the player's love for the game, while also providing them with important opportunities to advance their skills.

Notable Partners

We are partnered with FC Victoria who provide us with high quality coaches from the Victoria Highlanders and University of Victoria soccer programs. In addition, through the Victoria Highlanders' recent partnership with Sheffield Wednesday Football Club from England, we have also had the fortunate of offering students experiences with some of their professional academy staff.

Registration

Soccer Academy registration take place online starting on Feb 1, 2018 for the upcoming school year. The link is available at http://academies.sd62.bc.ca. Please ensure that you have a valid email address. Prospective students are also required to complete a comprehensive application that focuses on their: work habits, school attendance, behaviour at school, as well as references from a teacher and community member. Students will be selected for this program of choice based on the strength of their application. Acceptance is not based on their skill level. Applications can be accessed through the Dunsmuir Middle School website.

Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. You may also monitor our school website (http://dunsmuir.sd62.bc.ca/) for more information. Thank you for your interest in our program. We look forward to meeting you in the near future!

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IMPORTANT

DUNSMUIR ACADEMY INFORMATION NIGHT:

Tuesday, January 30th 6pm @ DUNSMUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

Please attend if you are planning on applying for Grade 7 or 8 next year

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