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Hello MGC Students and Families,

This week the Archdiocese made the final decision to cancel all fall sports, a decision that I don't believe was taken lightly. This affects volleyball and soccer for all of the leagues within the Archdiocese. The Office of Youth Evangelization has also decided to cancel its CYM Volleyball season this fall. A decision on winter sports will be made by October 1, 2020. Spring sports will be assessed at a later time. High school athletics will continue to be governed by the WIAA and each school's respective conference.

While this is obviously not what many were hoping for, I understand the complexity of the decision and all that was taken into consideration in making that decision. The Archdiocese's first and foremost priority for the upcoming school year is to assure Catholic schools are open for on-site, in-person student instruction and learning, five days-per-week if at all possible. When weighing the benefits vs. the risks of fall sports, it was determined that bringing students together from multiple schools increases the risk that schools may need to shutdown at some point during the 2020-21 school year. Just one match could affect multiple schools. Overall, the risks of fall sports exceeded the benefits. Similar concerns were voiced by many of you as well as principals, pastors, etc.

Thank you to all the families that were interested in playing fall sports and lets hope we get back on the court this coming winter.

As always, if you have any questions please let me know.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Stay safe, stay healthy.

Thanks again.

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