

Notice for incoming 9th Graders!

My name is Shaun Strople and I am the Athletic Director at Buena High School. Buena High School and specifically the Athletics Department is excited to begin your high school journey with you.

In the midst of this new environment Buena High School was not able to hold the usual measures of communication on our campus this Spring for incoming 9th graders and as such it is important to us that our incoming students feel confident when they enter their freshmen year. I understand that during this time you may feel isolated and disconnected as your son/daughter will be making the jump to high school in a couple months and we want to make this transition as smooth and informed as possible. Although a lot is still not determined, the Buena High School coaching staff, Administration, and myself are committed to keeping you informed about our athletic programs.

The Buena Athletics Department has a vision and a mission, which I have included below and on the attached document.

Vision:

The Athletics Department at Buena High School will have a transformative impact on our student athletes by developing character, integrity, leadership, teamwork, and persistence. These values learned through Buena High School's athletic programs will provide the opportunity for our graduates to lead meaningful lives and become more productive members of the community.

Mission:

The mission of the Athletics Department at Buena High School is to provide athletic programs that develop student athletes through competition as an extension of the academic classroom. We believe that our athletic department is a dynamic, integral part of an educational experience, providing our student athletes with life-long lessons for personal growth. Our athletic programs are committed to finding success on the athletic field of play while competing with character, integrity, discipline, sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork, and ethical behavior. Our coaches, faculty, and student athletes inspire a deep sense of pride in what it means to be part of the black and blue, the Buena Bulldogs!

It is important to our coaching staff to connect with you regarding your interests in our athletic programs for this upcoming year. As such I have included a list of our coaches and their contacts for each athletic program we provide at Buena High School. Each coach can explain the specifics of his/her program when he/she responds to your communication. Please reach out to them!

Athletic Clearance (Register My Athlete):

I do want to provide you some information on one item that is required for participation for all programs, that is a student's athletic clearance. This needs to be completed each year to be athletically cleared to participate in any sport, including tryouts, practice, or competition. I have included the link to the athletic clearance page on the Buena High School website, which can provide details on Register My Athlete, the online platform used to process the clearances. The athletic clearance includes a doctor's physical, which has to be uploaded to Register My Athlete. The pdf of the physical clearance form that the doctor's office would need to complete and you would need to upload is on the Buena High School Website Athletics page (under the athletic clearance tab) for you to download. If there are any questions regarding this process, please direct them to the Athletic Assistant, Noemi Cruz, at noemi.cruz@venturausd.org.

<https://www.venturausd.org/buena/ATHLETICS/AthleticClearance.aspx>

2019-2020 Head Coach Contact List		Athletic Director: Shaun Strople
Season of Play:	Head Coach	Email
Fall:		
Football	Ryan Bolland	Ryan.Bolland@venturausd.org
Boys' Cross Country	Aaron Torres	Aaron.Torres@venturausd.org
Girls' Cross Country	Michele Burns	Michele.Burns@venturausd.org
Girls' Golf	Paul Engel	Paul.Engel@venturausd.org
Girls' Tennis	Blake Selig	Blake.Selig@venturausd.org
Girls' Volleyball	Eric Valdivia	ericvaldivia80@yahoo.com
Boys' Water Polo	Tom Davis	tsdavis111@gmail.com
Cheer	Lauren Lanski	Lauren.Lanski@venturausd.org
Dance	Madeleine Scheifels	buenadanc@gmail.com
Winter:		
Boys' Basketball	Matt Colton	Matthew.Colton@venturausd.org
Girls' Basketball	Cynthia Hernandez	cynthiabuenabulldog@gmail.com
Boys' Soccer	Forrest Solis	forrest_solis@yahoo.com
Girls' Soccer	Amanda (AJ) Tewes	tewes.amanda@gmail.com
Girls' Water Polo	Thomas Favero	Thomas.Favero@venturausd.org
Wrestling	John Smithson	john_smithson2@vcccd.edu
Spring:		
Baseball	Jared Patterson	jpatterson.bhs@gmail.com

Boys' Golf	Paul Engel	Paul.Engel@venturausd.org
Softball	Shawna Lopez	sklopez2018@gmail.com
Boys' Swimming	John Siman	John.Siman@venturausd.org
Girls' Swimming	Scott Manninen	Scott.Manninen@venturausd.org
Boys' Tennis	Blake Selig	Blake.Selig@venturausd.org
Boys' Track	Aaron Torres	Aaron.Torres@venturausd.org
Girls' Track	Michele Burns	Michele.Burns@venturausd.org
Boys' Volleyball	Jesse Martin	jessemar10@aol.com
Girls' Beach Volleyball	Wendy Mace	wendy197312@gmail.com

As I stated, we are really excited to welcome your son/daughter to Buena High School!!

Please reach out to the respective coaches if you have sport specific questions, or to Noemi and/or myself with any other questions you may have.

If you know a family that did not receive this email, but is planning on attending Buena High School, please forward the family this email.

Stay safe and well!

Buena High School Athletics Website: <https://www.venturausd.org/buena/ATHLETICS.aspx>
Buena High School Athletics Twitter: @BuenaAthletics

Regards,

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