



# Wolfpack Boys Soccer West Valley High School

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## West Valley High School Boys Soccer Program—2020 Season

### *Parent and Player Information:*

Training will begin Monday March 9 in the West Valley gym at 6:00-8:00pm (March 9,10,11,12) and Friday March 13 & Sat March 14 4:00-6:00pm. "Official" Tryouts will run March 16-18 Times TBD. Any Players hoping to travel March 25-27 will need to attend some of the spring break training sessions. We will test fitness day one of tryouts. We anticipate as many as 50 players trying out for the team so competition will be very steep. The Varsity team will carry 18-22 players depending on needs and the Junior Varsity team will be comprised of 15-20 players. We will likely have an initial cut downs on Tuesday March 17 and will finalize the rosters by March 19. The specifics of the roster finalization dates will be announced shortly before tryouts begin. If you are trying out, be sure you have the full sports paperwork requirement completed on [www.planeths.com](http://www.planeths.com). ALL Forms are completed ON-LINE. Both the player and the guardian need to have an account and complete information. This includes: Sports Physical, Activity Consent, Concussion Awareness, and TAD forms plus more. Please have this all taken care of by NLT March 4 so we can review the data-base and clear players for tryouts.

### *The "Soccer Program" Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams:*

The coaches will name a varsity team and junior varsity squad. The varsity team is the primary focus of the program. Players on the varsity roster will be the center of more intensive training and will be held to a very high standard of competitive performance. Players on the varsity team will be selected based on their soccer skills, athleticism, speed, fitness, *coachability*, as well as team position needs. Players on the junior varsity team will be selected based on their potential for development throughout the season and throughout their high school career. There are NO Guarantees that a JV player will *ever* make the varsity squad, but the potential is there. During the season, and at the discretion of the coaches, players may be moved up to the varsity team or down to the junior varsity team (either for the remainder of the season or for select games). Because of the variability in program numbers among local schools, the JV team may have difficulty getting games scheduled, and it is possible that very few JV teams will be formed. We do appear to have two JV trips planned in May which is a fist for the program. Regardless, we will continue to train the JV team and will attempt to arrange games, scrimmages, and other training opportunities throughout the season. Because of this uncertainty, the practice time commitment and financial commitment of the Junior Varsity team is far less than that of the Varsity Team. The varsity team will be asked to stay in peak conditioning and may practice as many as 6 days per week. It is important to keep in mind that the JV team is designed to be developmental in nature and that the coaches view members of both teams combined as part of the overall soccer program at West Valley. We ask that families from both teams participate in fund-raising for the program and support the program as a whole in whatever ways possible. Our goal is long-term success—we are developing individual players and the PROGRAM as a whole! It is very likely that almost every player on the varsity squad this year will have spent time on the JV team in previous years.

### *Booster Club Organizational Meeting:*

We will hold a meeting, shortly after the teams are named (likely Thursday March 19). At that meeting we will organize the booster club and discuss the schedule, fund-raising, uniforms, player costs, travel etc. Coach Maxwell will be available to answer questions for some part of the meeting. Please consider in advance how you might help the booster club and what role you might play in supporting the soccer program at West Valley. Feel free to contact Coach Maxwell at 388-4073 if you have questions prior to this gathering. Wendi Raygor <[raygors@yahoo.com](mailto:raygors@yahoo.com)> is manager, Margaret Kugzruk <[mlkugzruk@gmail.com](mailto:mlkugzruk@gmail.com)> is Treasurer, Janet Schaefer [janet.guidetti@gmail.com](mailto:janet.guidetti@gmail.com) is uniform and outerwear coordinator. Please feel to reach out to them as you see fit. Stay Tuned for exact date and time for meeting.

Looking forward to a great 2020 season, Coach Howard Maxwell,  
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