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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

The last few days should have featured our spring varsity athletes hitting the playing fields and our track team beginning to prepare for the spring sports season. However, all leagues in Section III have, in response to the evolving COVID-19 health threat, postponed the start date for spring sports to April 14, 2020 (including both varsity and modified sports teams). With the fluidity of the current situation and the continuous evolution of information around COVID-19, it is important to note that the April 14 start date is subject to change. The athletic teams at Oriskany Central School District, along with the rest of the Section III member schools, will continue to adhere to all regulations established by the NYSED and the NYSPHSAA.

Start dates and structure of postseason tournaments for the spring season have not yet been determined, but Section III does plan to hold an open sectional tournament.

It is understandable that our athletes are excited to get started with their seasons and would like to begin practicing and working to prepare for the season. However, I want to take a moment to reiterate to the community that all indoor and outdoor athletic facilities are currently closed to the public. This includes our gym, fitness center, track and practice and game fields. Your cooperation in keeping these spaces safe for the time being is appreciated.

I also wanted to make you aware that there are several online petitions circulating on social media platforms. Many of these petitions mention NYSPHSAA and some will ask you to make donations. Please take note that **these petitions are not associated with NYSPHSAA nor will they have an impact on what they do regarding winter/spring sports**. Again, these petitions have nothing to do with NYSPHSAA and many are wrongfully seeking a signature and money.

I cannot begin to tell you how grateful the administration at Oriskany CSD is for our community members and how well you have worked with us to navigate through these times. Stay safe, and Go Redskins!

Sincerely,

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