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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

Sept. 23, 2022

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

On your mark, get set, go! Play ball! Respect all!

These are just some of the expressions that we will be hearing and cheering across our elementary school campuses beginning this fall. With great pride, I share the news that Twin Rivers is launching an athletics program for all elementary school students. We are thrilled to now offer after-school sports on every elementary and TK-8 campus. There is no cost to participate. Seven supervised athletics programs will be available to all our elementary and TK-8 students and offered throughout the school year, including:

- Fall Sports: *Cross Country*
- Winter Sports: *Soccer*
- Spring Sports: *Basketball and Track & Field*
- Year-Round Sports: *Cheerleading, Tennis and Golf*

Practice sessions will be held after school during the week. ALL games/competitions are scheduled on Saturdays at our new, state-of-the-art high school sports complexes.

Participating in sports and being part of a team helps develop skills and character traits that are essential to success in school and career. Grit, perseverance, overcoming defeat, and realizing the rewards of hard work and dedication are characteristics that we want to develop in all our students. These traits translate from athletics to academics, helping students become stronger learners. Additionally, team activities create a sense of belonging to their school and to positive peer groups. Studies show that when students are engaged and connected at school, they are more interested in their learning.

I am proud of the TR team that worked so tirelessly to bring this extraordinary offering to our younger students, and I hope that our teachers and families will speak with our elementary students about these exciting opportunities.

To sign up and learn more about Expanded Learning Athletics, click [HERE](#). To view the 2022-2023 Elementary & TK-8 Sports Calendar, click [HERE](#).

Go Team TR!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez".

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Twin Rivers Unified