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CFC Parents Note : October 2026

Wow! Take a breath, it is a great time to pause, collect thoughts and take stock of where we are. A full high school soccer season and an academic quarter all under the belt! Let's recall a time just 6 short months ago: in April, the boys were scrambling to finish their time in Middle School, anticipating with some angst the summer and fall ahead. Since then, they have successfully spent time in a new building, with new teachers and new advisers, new coaches in high school soccer, new friends and new routines. New challenges all, poised to make them explore, grow, learn and thrive! It might be difficult even to recognize the children they were 6 months back as we now witness the young men they are becoming!

One major developmental step in the current journey is the autonomy they are beginning to demand. Appropriate as this demand is, it can sometimes shake OUR foundations as we are not always fully prepared to allow them the choices and freedoms they want so much. But if they are to develop the skill and the muscles necessary to navigate the adult world they will be entering (sooner than we might wish!), then we MUST allow them, in increments, opportunity to make choices. And, of course, their making choices opens the chance that those choices are NOT the ones we would make, NOT the ones we might like, and, alas, ones that we may realize are BAD choices. While not welcoming the pain and struggle this process brings, we will be there by their side to support, to encourage, to challenge and ultimately to love them into adulthood. There is no more important job we'll do in our lives!

Many parents have shared recently how they believe the CFC experience has been a critical part of the growth their son has enjoyed over the years. And this moment in time will double down on that belief! A very tangible way the boys can embrace the autonomy they seek will be in the upcoming Winter and Spring seasons for CFC! As we get started once again in the weeks ahead, ideas put forth directly from the players will be incorporated and implemented.

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In addition to the regular training and game activities they are used to, we will be introducing several complementary types of workouts, including speed and agility training, strength conditioning, flexibility challenges and individual technical training that the boys have suggested to Coach Goetz. We are excited to take the players to that next level of their development, in the areas of THEIR choosing, as both soccer players and young men! Watch GameChanger for more details but know we are excited to guide these players through this important step in their development!

As for game schedules, we will be dividing out into smaller rosters in order to abide by the IHSAA high school By-Laws. The input Coach Goetz received from the players indicated a desire to play some 3 v 3 competitions, as well as the high school 7 v 7 League in the Spring. This league will give us the ability to meet all IHSAA Guidelines regarding roster numbers while still player at a competitive HS level. We also are narrowing down some options for several travel tournaments and will confirm as details become available!

Finally, we will also be introducing some additional training in the mental aspects of the game. Giving tools and techniques that will allow the guys to maximize their focus and concentration, we hope to be able to position them as strongly as possible to compete with success! These trainings as well allow for individually tailored sessions to enable each player to experience growth in the area/s they feel they need most.

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD, INDEED!!!!

Coach Harkenrider, Coach Goetz, and Coach Mauch

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