

Dear Pershing Parents,

The Athletic Department would like to inform you of our procedures for the 2010-2011 school year. Our first priority is to ensure that each athlete is successful in academics as well as the athletic activity. Our coaching staff responsibility will be to check grades and conduct every three weeks during the season of your child's sport. It is the responsibility of the athlete to maintain a grade of 70 or above in each of his or her classes. Grades below a 70 will result in the no pass/no play rule as defined by HISD.

We would like to have a Parent Athletic Pep Squad for the 2010-2011 school year. The following positions need to be filled: President, Vice President and Treasure. Please consider becoming a leader in the Athletic Pep Squad.

All 7th and 8th grade potential athletes (boys or girls) must submit a completed Athletic Package before participating in any try-out or sport. The Athletic Package will include the following items:

- **Copy of the final 2010-2011 report card (including summer school – eligibility purposes)**
- **Parent's Approval & Emergency Medical Authorization Form**
- **Physical Examination (Cost \$20 if physical done at Pershing - All physicals must be done on HISD Physical Form)**
- **Medical, Hospital, & First Aid Care Form (Insurance - Cost \$35)**

The athlete can not begin tryouts or practice until the completed Tryout Package has been turned in to the Pershing Athletic Department. You may pick up your Athlete Package from the coaches' office or go online to www.pershingms.org then click on the "sports" tab and follow the links from there.

If your child has not taking a physical on May 25, 2010, he/she will have one more opportunity to get the physical done at Pershing. The final date for physicals done at Pershing will be :

- **August 25, 2010 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. (Boys and girls in the cafeteria)**

(Note: If you choose to have the physical done outside of Pershing, you must have the HISD form completed by the physician. Physicals will last only one year, prior to date of the last physical taken.

We have two seasons of sporting events with each culminating with an awards banquet to recognize each athlete for their outstanding accomplishments academically and/or athletically. The fall season consists of Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Pep Squad, Step Team and Cheerleading. The Spring season consists of Basketball, Swimming, Track, Softball, Lacrosse, Baseball, and Soccer. We are including a general schedule for each sport on the back of this letter..

On August 31, 2010 at 6 P.M., we will have a general meeting in the cafeteria for parents of athletes participating in any sport during 2010-2011. Parents, we will need you to work with us in keeping your child eligible for the entire season. Please check homework and grades on a regular basis. We will also need parent volunteers to help support each program. Please plan to attend and meet our coaching staff.

Thank you for your interest in Pershing athletics. We look forward to working with you and your child.

Sincerely,

Goree Emanuel
Pershing Athletic Director

PERSHING MIDDLE SCHOOL
2010-2011 Fall & Spring Sports General Schedule

Football - practice begins August __, 7th and 8th grade teams

Volleyball - tryouts begin Augusts _____, 7th & 8th grade teams

Cross Country - practice begins August __, 7th & 8th grade teams

Cheerleading & Step team - tryouts held this past May

Fall Sports Banquet - early December

Basketball - tryouts begin October __, 7th & 8th girls & boys teams

Swimming - tryouts begins October __, 7th & 8th girls& boys teams

Track - practice begins in January, 7th & 8th girls & boys teams

Soccer - tryouts begin in January, 1 team of 7th & 8th girls, 1 team of 7th & 8th boys

Lacrosse - practices begins in February, 1 team of 7th and 8th boys and girls

Baseball & Softball – practices begins in January, 1 team of 7th and 8th grade.

Spring Sports Banquet - mid May