



# Petaluma High School Athletics



Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing.  
- Rollo May

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## New for 2016...

Welcome back to what is anticipated to be a great year for PHS Athletics. As we get started we want to update parents and students of some changes that are occurring.

This summer, our district put together a committee of site Athletic Directors, Administrators and District personnel to develop a new district wide Athletics Packet. This packet outlines many of the policies and expectations that PHS parents and athletes are already familiar with. The PCS Athletics Packet is available on the PHS website to be viewed by anyone. As the packet has been finalized, PHS and CASA have signed with Sportsnet. Sportsnet is an online program that will help make the process of clearing and registering students much smoother.

We want to thank all of the parents, families and contributors who have made donations to their child's respective sport. Without these donations, we would have difficulty keeping sports productive and growing. Each sport will have their own budget line from donations. The \$150 donations help PHS with expenses related to officials, tournament entry fees, equipment, uniforms etc.

Each sport will manage these differently. Our income from the gates will also contribute to extra costs associated with some of our high cost sports.

For more information regarding donations, please contact Assistant Principal Mr. Napoli

# New Coaches for 2016-2017

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This year we welcome three new Varsity coaches to the Trojan family.

Coach **Deegan Babala** is already at work in developing our Girls Soccer program. So far the program has had some great success. Coach Babala is making the game of soccer fun and the girls are absolutely enjoying the learning experience.

Coach **John Ratshin** is our new Varsity Girls Basketball coach. Coach Ratshin has 19 years of experience coaching high school basketball, including 8 years as a girls varsity head coach. The most notable experience of Coach Ratshin comes from Kehillah Jewish High School in Palo Alto, where he served 3 years as boys varsity head coach and 3 years as the girls varsity head coach. PHS has full confidence in Coach Ratshin's ability to lead our young ladies to success on and off the court.

Coach **James Selvitella** is our new varsity baseball coach. Coach Selvitella follows in the footsteps of PHS giants including Roy Lattimore, Frank Wright, Jack O'Connor, Dan Fager, Kyle Manford, and most recently, Paul Cochrun, who has helmed the Trojans for the last 11 years. Coach Selvitella has been the Casa Grande junior varsity coach for the past eight seasons and brings a lifetime of baseball experience to the Trojan diamond.

We look forward to the professionalism and expertise that these coaches will bring to Petaluma High School athletics. Good luck coaches and go Trojans.

## Sportsnet Registration

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All athletes need to complete the NEW online clearance process. If you have registered for Fall sports, you will also need to register through sportsnet for Winter and Spring seasons. [Register Here!](#)

## Community News

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- We will have both entrance gates open during soccer for the rest of the season.
- The Berm (grass area next to the home side bleachers) will be closed for all home football games. PHS sporting events are meant to be a family friendly environment.
- Entry costs for all sports where an entrance fee is required is \$7, \$5 & \$3.
- Winter Sports begin November 7, 2016
- Spring Sports begin February 6, 2017
- Sports Physicals need to be dated after June 10, 2016 any older must be renewed.
- The end of the grading period was September 22, 2016. The date of determination for continual Fall Athletic Eligibility is September 30, 2016
- We now accept online and on-site donations. Please follow the link below to donate to specific sports or to PHS General Athletics
- **PETALUMA ALUMNI COME HOME FOR HOMECOMING!** Register at the Wildlife Gate for a special name tag. See who ELSE is at Homecoming. Special recognition at halftime.
- Register and order alumni T-shirts [HERE](#)

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