



Track & Field 2024

Parent Handbook

Bartram Trail HS

VISION

Bartram Trail Track & Field will be the preeminent high school program in North Florida and serve as a model of athletics complementing academics to create an ideal overall high school experience.

MISSION

Bartram Trail Track & Field will create an athlete centered environment that serves as a community for track & field excellence and supports the foundation of life-long personal development.

VALUES

Bartram Trail Track and Field values:

Academics. Refining intelligence and critical thinking skills are the reason we're all here.

The will to win and the passion to work.

Respect and integrity. Do the right thing every time.

The human spirit. It's the most powerful force on the planet.

Humility. Feel the joy of our teammates' successes; be cognizant of the space we all share.

Transformational experiences. Have fun; take more from this than just being an athlete; leave the same for others.

Welcome to the greatest sport in the world!

Our values and mission are stated above. We cherish most the opportunity to create an experience for our student-athletes that complements what is going on in the classroom, earns them a sense of self-esteem, and the gives them confidence to achieve any goal on which they set their sights. Fast times, far distances, high marks, and state medals are just a bonus. The journey along this adventure requires desire, dedication, perseverance, and discipline. At times it will be tough, at times it will be fun, but, above all else, it will be rewarding. The memories are the ultimate prize.

As coaches, we were all competitive athletes, (some of us still are!) and we're also competitive coaches. We want your athletes to perform to the best of their ability. However, the coaches are not motivated solely by the trappings of success. Winning is not everything and winning at any cost lacks a greater perspective. Giving 100% is far more important. Competing in track & field is a great preparation for competing in life. It teaches athletes how to deal with success and failure, endure the agony of defeat, and experience the joy of victory. It gives one the opportunity to experience so many special memories that will last a lifetime – and I know from my own experience that these memories and lessons are way more important than the ribbons that will eventually get lost and the medals that will gather dust.

On behalf of the coaches, I thank you for entrusting your children into our hands. We are looking forward to a memorable track & field season.

-Coach Frank

PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

In general, it is each day after school. Practice will typically run for 90-120mins. Event coaches may flex their practice days and will communicate that individually.

Coaches may choose to hold a practice on Saturdays. We will never practice on Sundays.

** We expect runners to make every single practice session, however it is up to them to communicate with event coaches in advance if they must miss. Excused reasons to miss practice must be:

1. cleared with your event coach before the absence and
2. match the threshold of an excused reason to miss school. Clearing those missed practices must be done face to face by the athlete. Never text bad news.

The first unexcused absence will result in missing the next meet. The second will result in probation until a parent meeting takes place. The third will result in the removal from the team roster, finishing the season with an "unfavorable status" distinction.

INJURY PREVENTION, NUTRITION, AND HYDRATION

The best injury prevention involves stretching well, eating properly, getting plenty of sleep, staying well-hydrated and resting when necessary. Having some muscle soreness after a hard workout is normal but NEVER the objective.

Injuries or potential injuries should be reported to the coaches as soon as possible.

Athletes should be eating a diet rich in protein and calcium. Carbohydrates are important but should be from unrefined sources (brown rice and whole grains) and should be eaten in moderation.

**we stress to all our runners that sleep, nutrition, and hydration are very important – we also try to have each student eat a healthy snack (and drink Gatorade/chocolate milk) after hard practice sessions.

Required at practice:

Warm-up clothes, pants and tops

Water bottle

Snack to eat immediately after practice (ideally in a 4:1 carbohydrate grams to protein grams)

Example: Cliff Bars.

Barred from practice

Mobile Phones

EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

Competition Singlets – Each athlete must purchase (\$30) a blue competition singlet that can be used all four years as BTTF athlete. Alternate Varsity competition singlets are loaned to athletes at the beginning of the season. These must be returned immediately after the season.

Competition Shorts - Competition shorts may be available for purchased through BTTF. They are the athletes to keep. JV athletes need **solid black shorts** that can be purchased anywhere.

Competition Warm-ups - Athletes are expected to wear Bartram Trail Track & Field gear at meets. To some extent, they will accumulate this over the years. Minimum meet day requirements:

- An official black team warm-up sweatshirt or jacket.
- Solid black sweatpants or jogging pants.

This season we have pre-purchased warm-up sweatshirts, so your athletes do not have to wait on the team shop.

Ancillary Gear – Sometimes it's nice to have a little extra gear to show off your pride. Additional items may be made available on the yearly team shop for athletes and parents alike. These are all optional.

Shoes – All athletes should have a pair of good quality running shoes in order to avoid risking injury.

Athletes will never warm-up in spikes. We recommend **1st Place Sports** – they have stores on Baymeadows Rd (just off San Jose Blvd.), in San Marco, at Jacksonville Beach, at St. Johns Town Center, in Orange Park, and on CR 210. The staff at these running stores are very knowledgeable (they are almost all runners) and they will also give Bartram Trail runners a discount.

Competition shoes - Event specific competition shoes should be purchased. There are large differences between sprint, mid-distance, long distance, HJ, LJ, TJ and PV spikes. Additionally, throwers have yet another type of shoe. New athletes should check with their coaches or with some of the experienced runners for more information. JV parents should NOT feel the pressure to purchase extremely specific event shoes until their athlete settles into a focus over the next few years. The more specific the competition shoe the more likely it needs to be purchased on-line.

Wristwatch - Especially for distance runners, a GPS digital wristwatch would be very beneficial. We utilize them on training runs and when doing intervals.

END OF SEASON AWARDS AND BENEFITS

The BT Track & Field awards show will be held after the state championships, sometime in May or June. Awards, letters, and pins will be presented at those events. Seasons that end with championships and other special achievements are always the objective. Sometimes those seasons can be celebrated with unique awards or celebratory type gifts.

Varsity Letter Criteria

1. finish the season in favorable status.
AND one of the following:
2. Senior runners who have competed for three years.
3. Achieve an event Specific Standard (can be found on the BTTW website).
 - a. Note: the performance must occur in a varsity level event with legal measurements.
4. Score in a state series meet.

Post Season Eligibility for Special Awards

1. have earned a varsity letter that season
2. have participated in the meet that is being celebrated.

MEET SCHEDULE: The meet schedule is posted on the BTTF website.

<http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/track>

Additionally, you can download the iCalendar to your smart phone.

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/btxctrack%40gmail.com/private-847d2d4fe96925f7f0235d5f0618363c/basic.ics>

BARTRAM BOOSTER CLUB

Families are expected to join the Bartram Trail Athletic Booster Club. You can join on-line here:

<https://www.bartramathleticboosters.com/shop-membership>

Our booster club is one of the best around. They treat all sports with the same amount of support and represent a group of parents and community members that care deeply about the experience our athletes have here at Bartram Trail. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm in the BTHS Media Center.

TRANSPORTATION:

We will have transportation to the meets that are held during the week and for all out of town meets. With neighboring schools being the sole exception, athletes **may not** drive themselves to meets directly from school on school days.

After the meet, athletes may leave with their parents or other county approved drivers. They may not ride with anyone else. Long meets are a drag. Athletes may be dismissed from a meet before it is over under FOUR conditions:

1. It is not a Championship or Home Meet
2. The athlete has finished their entire post competition routine.
3. The parent/guardian and athlete have checked out with their event coach
4. The athlete is riding home with a parent/guardian or county approved volunteer driver.

PARENT DRIVERS TO HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION

Parents are encouraged to register through the school to be an approved volunteer driver. They must present an insurance declaration form showing 100/300 liability coverage. The form can be found below and must be filled out and submitted to athletic department assistant well prior to the day you plan to drive other athletes.

<http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/track/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2021/02/Volunteer-Driver-Form-20-21-update.pdf>

Once approved, you can help transport athletes to and from meets any time.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AS A PARENT

Please encourage your child to follow the advice and the instructions of the coaching staff. Help us ensure that they eat right, get plenty of sleep, and hydrate before practice and re-hydrate afterwards; those three things can make a big difference for any athlete. Keep an eye on their shoes; worn out running shoes can lead to injury.

The coach knows that you want your child to grow up to be a responsible and respectful person. High school sports should teach and instill discipline. We want our runners to be on time for practice and for races, to stay to cheer on their teammates and to help clean up after meets, to show good sportsmanship, and to be respectful of teammates and opponents. Please support the coaching staff as we endeavor to implant these values on the team. We are regularly complimented by bus drivers and hotel staff regarding the behavior of our team. We know that this is no accident; our athletes have been raised well and that, combined with extra encouragement & reinforcement from the coaching staff, goes a long way to shaping a team of which we can all be proud.

WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO AS A PARENT

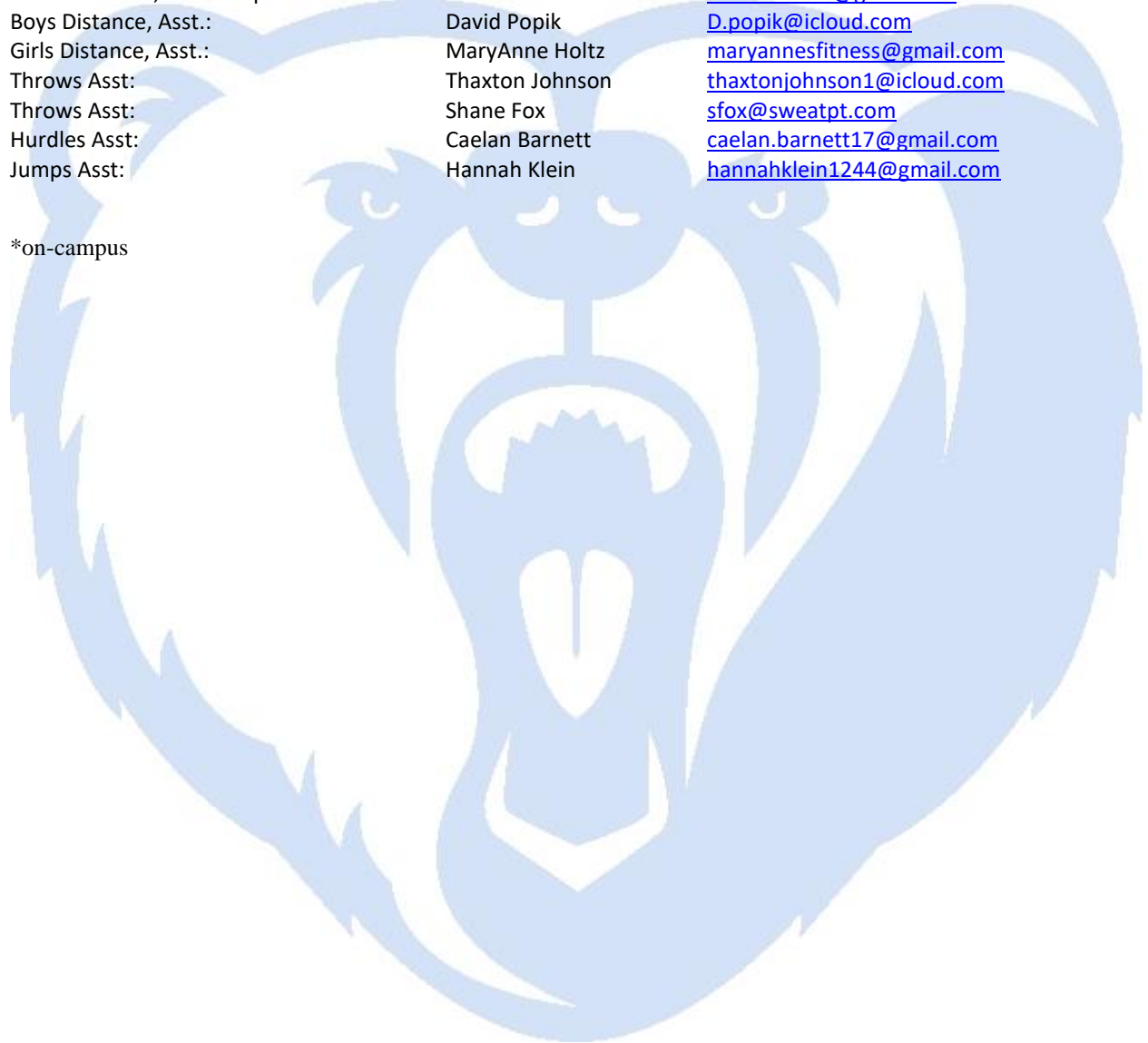
The coaching staff understands that parents want what is the best for their child. However, we respectfully ask that you do not overdo your support of your child's experience in track & field. This includes just prior to and after races (please don't hover around the team area at meets – so, no “helicopter” parenting!).

Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns about your child's training with the coaches. We will work with you and your child with issues such as academics, transportation, family, health, and important scheduling conflicts. Ultimately, we want track & field to be a very positive and enriching experience for your child.

COACHES CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Head Coach, Var. Long Sprints & Distance:	*David Frank	david.frank@stjohns.k12.fl.us
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The Four Payments

1. Pay to Participate (School Pay): \$150

Every athlete, every season. This goes directly to the general athletic fund and supports the infrastructure of the athletic department. These funds pay for meet entry fees, buses, track equipment, training room supplies, and field maintenance.

<https://schoolpay.com/link/P2P24>

2. Booster Membership (on-line: once a school year): starting at \$100

Our booster club is a unified front for each athlete on campus. Major funds are channeled for large improvement and capital projects. Every family is expected to join.

<https://www.bartramathleticboosters.com/shop-membership>

3. Competition Warm-up Sweatshirt, racing singlet and shorts (School Pay):

<https://schoolpay.com/link/TF24>

Sweatshirt	\$45
Blue Jersey	\$30
Shorts (if we have inventory)	\$30 (may purchase on your own)

4. The Sponsorship Program: \$200 (\$100 j.v.)

Each athlete is expected to arrange sponsorship. These funds are for special projects and travel trips for this current season.

Sponsors will be recognized, along with our senior athletes, in the meet program. But we are really looking for a few major meet day sponsors. Please consider speaking to your employers about being a valued member of the team!

Extra:

BSN Team Shop. Nothing is mandatory here; however, parents and athletes alike may purchase any of these options. <https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/DTYNGPWFNs>

Get Connected! BTTF uses the REMIND APP.

Text a code below to 81010

Var Boys Distance	@	btvbd24	Frank
JV Boys Distance	@	btjvbd24	Frank
Var Girls Distance	@	btvgd24	Clark
JV Girls Distance	@	btjvgd24	Clark
Jump	@	btjump24	Clark
Hurdles	@	bthurdle24	Hagans/CB
Throws	@	btthrow24	Liv
Var Girls Sprints	@	btvgs24	Barnett
Var Boys Sprints	@	btvbs24	Friscia
JV Sprints	@	btjvs24	All Sprint Coaches

The Remind app logo, featuring the word "Remind" in a white, stylized script font on a blue rectangular background.

