

NOTES TO PARENTS

1. **Practice-** It is very important for players to be at practice every day. It would be appreciated if all appointments (dentist, hair, Doctor, driver's license) could be scheduled after practice time. Tutorials for the varsity team need to be done in the mornings instead of leaving practice early. All classes have morning tutorials so we expect students to take advantage of those as opposed to missing practice.
2. **Matches-** Our fall schedule is TEAM TENNIS so our expectations are for each player to be committed to their position. Since we are giving the schedule to each player 2 months in advance we certainly expect there to be no conflicts. Any player with some prior commitment needs to notify the coach immediately after receiving the tennis schedule.
3. **Match times-** Varsity duals are listed on the schedule as 4:15PM however they will actually begin as soon as the traveling team arrives (usually 3:30PM) and both teams have finished their warm-up. JV duals will actually begin at 4:30PM.
4. **Communication-** We want to teach the players to communicate effectively with each other, their coaches, and with their parents. It should become their responsibility to relate information about matches, times, dress, location, and any other information.
5. **Coaching Philosophy-** Our desire as coaches is for these players to be equipped for the first day of college life and the first day of their job some day. We believe we have the best teaching ground to influence these young men and women in a positive way. There is nowhere else that they will experience competition, adversity, and all the challenges that go with being a part of a team other than the military. There is no other pressure greater than your teammates counting on your performance.
Our hearts desire is that the players leave our program feeling that "they can handle whatever comes their way."
6. **Line-up-** The coaches will have the responsibility of determining the lineup for each team. There are several factors that aid in determining each position:
 1. Ability to overcome adversity
 2. Commitment to team
 3. Style of play
 4. Attitude
 5. Challenge matches