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To parents of students participating in the Grade 6/7 Touch Rugby Program;

Welcome to our Spring Rugby season!

Grade 6/7 Rugby is an introduction to the sport of Touch Rugby and our hope is that this short exposure will instill a desire to potentially continue next season in our school Rugby program and into Rugby programs at high school. All information is found on the following website as well:

<https://dgecese.weebly.com/rugby-gr-6-7.html>

Expectations

There are many tactical and technical rules in rugby, including player safety. Attendance at practices and games is an integral part to player development, player safety, and to supporting the team. It is expected that players attend all practices as part of their commitment to the team and themselves. It is expected that the coach will receive ample notice (at least one day) if a player is unable to attend a practice.

Coaching Staff

My name is Derek Gecse, I am a teacher at SMS and I am involved as an assistant coach and manager to our Rugby 8 program. I am the program coordinator and coach of the Grade 6-7 Touch Rugby program. I have been coaching rugby at the Grade 6-8 level for 12 years. If you should have any questions please contact me at the information provided below.

Fees

These include the SMS school rugby fees, SMS Rugby apparel, and wind-up costs. The cost per player is \$40/per player. This is reasonable when compared to other community sports and costs to play. Please make checks payable to Shuswap Middle School and indicate for 6-7 rugby team on your check. Players please give receipt to Mr. Gecse from the office to confirm payment.

Schedule

Our Rugby season would not be complete or successful without the support of parents. Practices are Wednesdays from 2:45 – 3:45. The season starts Apr. 20 and continues every Wednesday until June 1st (approximately 4-5 weeks). Games will be played on Fridays. *Please see the dates on the attached schedule.* The wind-up will be Friday June 3rd after the final Jamboree/game date.

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