



Dear PSC Families,

Please read the six short news items below:

1. The "Celery Cup" scrimmages are returning this August and will be held at the Kalamazoo Soccer Complex on Drake Road Sunday August 21. We're not sure which teams will play early afternoon and which will play later in the afternoon, so stay tuned for the actual schedule. These are friendly scrimmages between age-appropriate teams from the Portage and Kalamazoo soccer clubs, and where one club or the other is missing a team at a given age, teams from other clubs will be invited to participate. Mark your calendar now!
2. Your team has been assigned a "Parent Representative" to help improve communications between families and the board. If you have any concerns that can't be addressed by your manager or coach, or if you have any suggestions for the club as a whole, feel free to contact your Parent Rep (who can be found on the web site on the "About Us" and "Board Contact" page by selecting the "Teams" arrow under each of the parent rep's names until you find the one with your team name listed). Periodically, Parent Reps will call parents on their teams randomly to see how things are going and collect feedback both positive and negative, so don't be too surprised if you get a call.
3. The Practice Facility field schedule is available [online](#) , although your assigned field may change if fields need to be taken out of service for various reasons. Please remind your child to respect the turf by staying away from newly seeded area that are marked with caution tape, and by not digging at the turf with their shoes as some youngsters do when they're waiting in line. If everyone picks up their garbage at the main complex and the practice facility, the volunteers who spend their time mowing will be able to get home on time. In particular, when the electrical tape some players use to hold shin guards in place gets stuck on lawn mower blades and causes the blades to shred the grass instead of cut it, this does not help efforts to improve the turf. Please also watch younger brothers and sisters who seem to have fun throwing rocks from the driveway of the practice facility onto the field, or building rock castles on the grass. Please treat the turf as you would your own lawn!
4. If you know of any U12/13 boys still looking for a team to play on, please have them contact Dana Pope ASAP. Our 99 White team is still looking for additional players for this fall.
5. PSC is again partnering with Uniroyal in a joint promotion allowing families to obtain a free soccer ball after Labor Day. More details will be coming about this in a couple weeks.
6. There will be several PSC fundraisers this fall, and instead of making these mandatory, they're voluntary. Most of them involve eating at an establishment on a given day, so if

you eat out anyway, please consider eating there on the PSC day or evening. More details to come.

7. Did you know Portage Soccer Club is on Facebook? If you're not already a member of [this group](#), go to the page and ask to be added and we'll get you included so you can see news and updates as soon as they're added.

Let's hope for good outdoor soccer weather as everyone starts ramping up for the beginning of the fall season. So far things are looking up with the heat wave apparently over (at least for several days).

Yours in soccer,

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