

Dear Girls/Parents Preparing for Tennis Season,

Thank you for considering tennis. The season will be starting soon, and I have every indication that it is going to be successful. Many of you have been working hard during the entire off-season. I've seen you in the weight room, playing outside in the summer, at MVP, and at Dewitt. The expectations are for Varsity to compete for a Conference and Regional title. We expect our last event of the year to be in Midland at the State Finals. We expect the junior varsity to assert themselves as the dominant JV team in the OK-Red. We expect our JV players to develop the skills of a varsity player as the season progresses.

If you are joining the program for the first time, then I want to give you a clear picture of how the teams will look. The varsity team will consist of 12-14 players, twelve of whom will play each match. The women on varsity work very hard and are strong tennis players. Last year the GR Press ranked them 5th in West Michigan. We have qualified for the State Finals more years in a row than any tennis team in the OK-Red. The JV team is also strong, and is the largest in our conference. Last year we retained fifty on junior varsity. Because our team has large numbers, we expect you are working very hard to improve. We don't care if you are currently a great tennis player, but it is important to us that you want to become one. Cross your name off the signup list if working hard to improve isn't one of your goals.

Here is basic information regarding the start of the season:

- **wotennis.weebly.com is West Ottawa's tennis website. You should be checking it every few days for updates, and daily when the season begins.**
- Tryouts begin on March 12.
- No physical on file means you don't play.
- Tryouts will take place at MVP, usually from 5-7AM (so go to bed early). A schedule will be posted on the website so you know who is playing each day.
- The following players will try out for Varsity:
 1. All Varsity Players from last year.
 2. The top couple JV teams from last year.
 3. Lower JV players who I've seen approaching varsity level this off-season.
 4. Freshmen who I think may be strong players from off-season observations.
 - If you think you should be trying out for varsity, but don't know if you fit into one of the bullets above, email or call me ASAP.
 - In all, I expect roughly 18-22 players to compete for 12-14 spots.
 - All other players will begin playing with the JV team the first day after March 12 that the weather allows for outdoor play.

Email or call if you have questions not answered by this letter or the website (which again, you will check very often). I love this team and am excited for another great season!

Respectfully,

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