

Good Afternoon,

It is with great regret that I write to inform you that, due to a lack of interest, TCS will not have Varsity Football in the 2024 season. This decision was not taken lightly. We have held several interest meetings with players and parents, we have recruited the hallways, and we have held several Spring practices to gauge the current situation. Unfortunately, we have not seen a significant trend that would allow us to make any other decision. We need to inform our region opponents, so that they may be able to move forward with their own schedules.

We will continue to provide Junior Varsity Football for rising students in grades 7-10. Our football staff remains positive and committed to building an exceptional football program in the future. We will not skip steps. First, we will be committed to using football as an avenue to build good character in our student-athletes. We will teach them about trust, commitment, and hard work. We will teach them that being a part of a team is important and that brotherhood is more important than individual accolades. Next, we will develop good physical strength, stamina, and athleticism in our student-athletes. This will ensure their preparation to compete safely against other schools with Varsity programs. Finally, we will engrain the fundamentals of football into our players to make sure that they are technically sound and prepared to compete at a high level.

I know that this decision will be met with sadness and disappointment. We want to keep our committed upperclassmen involved in any way that we can. Their contributions to our football program will not be dismissed or forgotten. However, we must move forward. If we want our programs to be successful in the future it will require commitment from everyone: students, parents, coaches, administration, and the community. I am confident that WE will make it happen!

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