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Aloha KSM Athletic 'Ohana,

As we begin our winter season sports, we want to ensure that student-athlete safety is our number one priority. In doing so, our middle school athletic program will align to the same parameters as the high school athletic program.

The Hawai'i State Concussion Law was amended last year to include youth sports, which requires:

- Annual concussion-awareness education for coaches;
- Concussion education for students and parents with signed consent of viewed concussion awareness training; and
- Cognitive Baseline Testing (although not required by law for youth sports, but considered best practices).

To meet these requirements, we will have a parent meeting (January 2017) to complete necessary parent training. In addition, over the next few days, we will have all of our winter season sport middle school student-athletes complete the Cognitive Baseline Testing with our athletic department staff. These days will be designated by team and notice will be placed in the middle school bulletin.

Our student-athletes will report directly to the Learning Center and complete the testing on the designated days.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact our athletic department.

Mahalo for your continued support,

KSM Athletic Staff