

Greenwich High School
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In the fall of the 2010-2011 school year, Greenwich High School will be running a Unified Sports program. Our goal is to offer a positive, inclusive foundation for athletic and social interaction between special education and general education students in the school and community. Unified Sports is a registered program of Special Olympics that combines approximately equal numbers of athletes with and without disabilities, on sports teams for training and competition. All Unified Sports players, both athletes and special partners, are of similar age and sport skill ability.

This pioneer sports program was started in 1992 under a partnership between the Connecticut Association of Schools and the Special Olympics Connecticut to expand athletic opportunities for students of all abilities. The Unified Sports program has grown rapidly, with over 1400 students participating during the 2009-10 school year.

Starting in November, athletes and partners of Greenwich High School will train for a basketball tournament to be held in early March. They will compete against other schools within Fairfield County that are registered Unified Sports teams. In order to qualify as a Special Olympic athlete, your child must be a student with an intellectual disability, or a closely related developmental disability. All others are eligible to volunteer as special partners. We will need as many students without disabilities as possible to ensure the success of this program. A meeting will be held in the fall to discuss more specific details.

There is currently an effort in the district to coordinate a Unified Sports program for croquet this summer. Contact Diane Corba at dcorba@me.com for more information.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this proposal. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully yours,

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