

GILMOUR ACADEMY

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GLEN OAK SCHOOL
Founded 1969

August 19, 2011

Dear Coaches,

I hope that your summer was restful and your season is off to a strong start. We have your team entered in this year's Gilmour Academy Paul Primeau Invitational. This year, we have renamed our cross country invitational in honor of Paul Primeau, a long-time chemistry teacher and the founder of our school's cross country program in the 1950s. It will now be known as the Gilmour Academy Paul Primeau Invitational. Although he retired from teaching in 1992, Paul remains a very active member of our school community, and he travels with our team to all of our meets. Paul enjoys photography, and he has become our unofficial team photographer. A wonderful supporter of kids in all their endeavors, Paul certainly deserves this recognition. This year's meet will be held on Friday September 30, 2011. We are looking forward to seeing you.

This will be the **52nd annual** running of the oldest continually-run cross country meet in the state of Ohio. The course is mostly flat and fast, and blends both wooded areas and open fields, finishing on our track in front of the football grandstand. **We will be using automatic chip timing, similar to what is used at the state meet.** Timers will be provided at the one mile and two mile splits, we will have water at the finish and a trainer will be available.

Registration will be through Baumspage.com. Our window will open Monday September 12 at 8:00 AM, and closes on Tuesday September 27 at 12:00 PM. Please get your registrations done before the deadline.

Because of the overwhelming numbers of entries last year, we will divide the races into two divisions, based on OHSAA enrollment figures. The Gray division consists of Division I teams. The Blue division will be Division II and Division III schools. If you are not sure which division you will be in this coming season with the coming realignment, please indicate which you think you will be in. We can adjust in the fall. **Teams with less than 5 individuals must compete in the open races. No exceptions.**

As we did last year, teams will be allowed to enter nine (9) runners in the varsity race, but regular scoring rules will apply. The eighth and ninth runners will not displace runners from other teams. This will allow coaches to make decisions about line-ups as we approach conference and district championships. In addition, with added runners in the line-up, schools will be limited to one team in the varsity race.

The gray division consists of Division I. The blue division will be Division II schools along with Division III. Because we are scoring the open races this year, schools are limited to one varsity team per race. **Teams with less than 5 individuals must compete in the JV/open races. There are no exceptions.**

The schedule is as follows:

Blue Division Boys: 4:00 PM

Gray Division Boys: 4:30 PM

Blue Division Girls: 5:00 PM

Gray Division Girls: 5:30 PM

JV/Open Boys: 6:00 PM

JV/Open Girls: 6:30 PM

- **Parking will be extremely limited. Please advise your spectators to arrive early.**

Because of other events on our campus the same day as the meet, please take note of the following:

- Buses will need to drop teams off at our Lower School and park at the Lower School, which is accessible through Cedar Rd., ½ mile east of SOM Center. Do not come through the entrance on SOM. This will speed unloading and prevent congestions.
- Please do not allow your athletes into any of the school buildings. Restrooms are available at the stadium, and there will be portable toilets as well.
- Please ask you parents not to park on any of the roads around campus. As our meet has grown, we have had people parking up and down Cedar and SOM, and the Gates Mills police do not want this happening this year. They will be writing tickets.

If you have not paid, please do so as soon as possible. The cost is \$125.00 for one team and \$200.00 for two teams.

Please e-mail me or call with any questions (lindley@gilmour.org, 440-684-4541). We'll see you on the 30th!

Yours truly,



Matthew Lindley
Meet manager

Teams registered as of 8/15

Blue girls

1. Gilmour Academy
2. Independence
3. Geneva
4. Perry
5. West Geauga
6. Beachwood
7. Buchtel
8. WRA
9. NDCL
10. Padua
11. Maplewood

Blue Boys

1. Gilmour Academy
2. University
3. Independence
4. Perry
5. West Geauga
6. Benedictine
7. Beachwood
8. Buchtel
9. NDCL
10. Padua
11. Maplewood

Gray Girls

1. Mentor
2. Aurora
3. Brush
4. Olmsted Falls
5. Rocky River
6. Solon
7. Chardon
8. Bay
9. Avon Lake
10. Green
11. St. Joseph Academy
12. Parma

Gray Boys

1. Mentor
2. Aurora
3. Geneva
4. St. Edward
5. Shaw
6. Brush
7. Olmsted Falls
8. Rocky River
9. Solon
10. Avon Lake
11. Parma

