

August 26, 2020



District 228 Students, Families, and Staff,

This week, I again met with our athletic directors and district administration to discuss a potential return to athletics. After careful consideration and deliberation, I am pleased to announce that we have finalized a plan for our students. This plan will open opportunities for athletics while also following guidelines provided by both the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

Our fall athletics season will begin on September 8 and will run until October 24. At this point in time, the only sports that are cleared for practice and competition are boys/girls golf, girls tennis, boys/girls cross country, and girls swimming & diving.

Additionally, our district has decided to keep all of our competitions localized to our four District 228 schools. Competitions will be coordinated by athletic directors and will begin the week of September 14. As schedules are finalized, this information will be posted to your school's athletic website.

- Bremen High School - <https://il.8to18.com/BremenHS>
- Tinley Park High School - <https://il.8to18.com/tinleypark>
- Hillcrest High School - <https://il.8to18.com/HillcrestHS>
- Oak Forest High School - <https://il.8to18.com/oakforest>

While we are pleased to be able to offer athletics to our students in a limited capacity, we cannot forget that we are still in the middle of a pandemic. Therefore, the following procedures have been put in place to keep our students, staff, and community safe:

- All students will have their temperature recorded when showing up for practice or competition and when getting onto a school bus.
- No students are to enter school buildings except for girls swimming and diving. This includes entering the buildings to use bathrooms; portable toilets (porta-pottys) will be made available for use.

- No lockers will be available for use. Swimmers should come to school already changed and prepared.
- If a student or coach has contracted COVID-19, there is a possibility we will have to postpone the season for 14 days as advised by the IDPH.
- Students should immediately leave the school grounds after practice/competition.
- **No spectators will be allowed at any District 228 practices or competitions.**

Students who are interested in playing boys/girls golf, girls tennis, boys/girls cross country, and girls swimming & diving, must have an updated physical before attending a practice. Any students who are interested in playing one of the above sports, but who are not already on the team, should contact their school's athletic department for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Kendall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Bill Kendall  
Superintendent  
Bremen High School District 228