



# DUCHESSNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hi all,

Earlier this week, I was telling the students in my senior literature class that this weekend is my favorite weekend of the year from a “sitting on my couch and watching sports” perspective. Easily my two favorite sports to watch are tennis and college football, and this weekend plays host to both the US Open and week one of the college football season. As an appetizer, we start the weekend with a spirit day at school followed by the first home football game. For dessert, we get to celebrate Labor Day on Monday. What’s not to love?

It seems like every conversation I’ve had with my wife this week has revolved around the schedule of games: “O.K., just so we’re clear, I’ll be at school for our opener on Friday night, then on Saturday we start with Georgia/Clemson. The afternoon game is Miami/Florida, and we finish the night with Notre Dame/A&M. We’ll watch as much tennis during the time outs as we can.” Although Amy enjoys watching both sports, she usually simply humors these conversations. But last night she called me on it: “You know I’m only half listening when you rattle off that schedule, right? And I am not retaining the details.”

So why am I so excited? Excited to the point of babbling repeated and incoherent chatter at my wife. If I had to guess, I’d say that the excitement stems from the overwhelming sense of possibility. The middle weekend of the US Open is marked by real possibility and hope. Most of the players who were just happy to make the tournament have been eliminated, and the real contenders for the title are starting to play one another. Hope and possibility are also the defining characteristics of college football’s week one. Dozens and dozens of teams feel that they have a shot at making the playoffs. Add to that the pageantry of college football, and you’ve got a pretty entertaining spectacle to watch.

I think, too, that the hope and possibility these sports represent is palpable in the hallways of Duchesne. It’s possible that my excitement for this weekend of sports TV is rooted in the fact that the TV is simply reflecting back to me what I feel walking through our school. Or, I might just love watching great athletes make great plays.

Sincerely,

Dominic D’Urso



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## Upcoming Events

- August 30 **Home Football Opener:** Kickoff is at 7:00. There will be a tailgate hosted by the football families in the 310 parking lot. It begins at 5:00.
- September 2 **Cross Country:** The First Capitol Invitational begins at McNair park at 4:00.
- September 3 **No School:** Labor Day
- September 3 **Home Volleyball Opener:** C-team and JV games start at 5:00. The varsity game follows at 6:00.
- September 6 **Home Tennis Opener:** The varsity matches start at 3:30.
- September 9 **Home Soccer Opener:** JV at 4:30, V at 6:00.
- September 10 **Home Tennis, Golf, Cross Country:** The tennis team will play on campus, Golf is at Bogey Hills and the XCountry team will race at McNair.
- September 11 **Freshmen Testing Day:** This testing day has been postponed. A new date will be published soon.
- Home Volleyball**
- September 12 **All School Mass:** As usual, all of our families are welcome to join us for Mass. The celebration will begin around 9:45.
- September 13 **Freshmen Retreat:** The retreat will take place during the regular school day, starting at 7:40 and ending before the final bell. This is a dress down day for freshmen and their senior retreat leaders. A pizza lunch will be provided. Please bring a bottle of water. Students can leave their iPads and books at home.
- Looking Ahead (More Details Soon)**
- September 28 Homecoming Dance
- October 24 Parent/Teacher Conferences