

## Information Regarding Crookston School District Co-op for Grades 7-2

RCS has agreed to co-op (grades 7-12) with the Crookston School District in the following sports:

- Boys'/Girls' Soccer
- Boys'/Girls' Tennis

This is a very exciting opportunity for our school and we are grateful to Crookston for their willingness to partner with us. As we get closer to these sports seasons, we will provide more information. In the meantime, here are some answers to questions recently asked.

### **When does Minnesota play these sports?**

- Boys' Soccer - Fall
- Girls' Soccer - Fall
- Girls' Tennis - Fall
- Boys' Tennis - Spring

**Why Crookston?** Crookston reached out to us about the possibility of a co-op in boys' and girls' soccer. As we talked more, they were also open to co-op's in other sports as well. Both sides have a desire to make this a good partnership, so it seemed like a good step to provide more opportunities to our students.

### **Is Crookston willing to co-op with us in other sports beside soccer and tennis?** Yes.

They are open to co-op's with us in all sports, including hockey. That said, at this time, soccer and tennis are the only sports where we had interest from students to participate in sports that we do not already offer. All other sports we either already have our own team, a co-op with Sacred Heart, or no student interest (in the relevant grades).

Each year, we will re-evaluate and see if it makes sense to add more sports with Crookston.

**What does this mean for co-op's with Sacred Heart?** All of our current co-op's will remain for 2026-27. That includes:

- Junior High Football (Grades 7-8)
- Boys'/Girls' Basketball
- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys'/Girls' Track
- Boys'/Girls' Golf

**What will transportation to Crookston look like?** For the 26-27 school year, all students who participate in sports at Crookston will be in charge of their own transportation. Students with licenses will be allowed to drive themselves. Families can also work on car-pooling the kids there.

**What will be the activities fee?** Crookston sets the fees. The formula they use is the cost of the sport divided by the number of athletes that participate. So for example, if the cost of the sport to the school is \$10,000 and there are 50 students that participate, the cost will be \$200/athlete. Families will be responsible for the fee.

**What if we move our school to North Dakota?** We are still allowed to co-op across the river, so we can technically still have co-op's with both Sacred Heart and Crookston. That said, because of the distance between our new location and Crookston High School, we would have to re-evaluate if that would continue to work.

Feel free to reach out to RCS Activities Director Eric Morrow – [ericm@rcsrams.org](mailto:ericm@rcsrams.org) - with any further questions.

In the meantime, praise the Lord for these new opportunities for our students!

Thanks and Go Rams!