



## GATOR GAZETTE || SEPTEMBER 2018

To all SPMA Gator Family and Friends,

September has been a busy month for the SPMA Gators. This past month, our cross country team competed in three more races. Hurricane Florence came rumbling through the state and caused two meet cancellations, but we were fortunate enough make it out safely. We're hoping the cancelled meets will be rescheduled to next month. As of today, October has the Gators competing in one more scheduled race and a championship meet on October 30th at Habersham! Keep up the great work everyone!



Not only has cross country been hard at work, but our volleyball club began as well! Led by Coach Dat and Coach Barton, the participants have enjoyed learning the basic fundamentals of the game while also learning the importance of teamwork. These volleyball sessions will continue on Tuesdays at 3:15 and will run through the remainder of October. Because of Florence, we added a makeup date on Thursday, October 4, at 3:15. Basketball club will soon follow beginning in November. More information to come.

With September now soon behind us, that means winter basketball is only a month away! The practice and game schedules are still being finalized, but we do have some great news to share. This season, we were able to work with The Boys and Girls Club to rent their gym for practices on Saturday mornings throughout the season! The complete schedule, though constantly changing, will be published on the athletics website soon. Not only will we have an indoor gym to use, but we will also have a new coach helping our student-athletes! She is no stranger to SPMA, but we are excited to have Coach Angie Brewster Benson join our coaching staff this season!

Coach Benson began playing basketball not long after she first learned to walk. The first girl to play on her elementary school teams, she played every year from first grade onward! A three-sport athlete all four years of high school, she was lucky enough to lead one of the top programs in her home state of Texas before going on to Boston College. As an athlete and now a parent to four young children, including two girls, she is passionate about the role sports play in building confidence, teaching cooperation, encouraging friendship and expanding students' future possibilities. She's excited to bring that passion to SPMA and watch a new generation of athletes grow.

If you're as excited as we are, a registration form to play basketball will be sent home in October for you to complete and send back. We look forward to working with everyone during the upcoming basketball season and winter!

Lastly, if you ordered Gator gear, the store has closed and the items will be delivered to the school by October 10th! The store will open again at a later date.

Please remember to keep tabs on the Gators online!

Website: [www.seapinesgators.com](http://www.seapinesgators.com)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/spmaathletics](http://www.instagram.com/spmaathletics)

**GO GATORS!**