

Buddy Ball

HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

2022

Greetings Players, Families, Buddies and Supporters,

Happy Holidays! During this past year, we have seen a number of changes to our Buddy Ball program. After the Winter Basketball season, Pete Clark retired after serving as the program's director for many years. At this time, Steven Wen took the reigns of the program in preparation for the Spring Soccer season.

Throughout the Spring and Fall soccer seasons, we averaged about 20-25 Players and 20-25 Buddies each week! Most of our volunteers were students from both the North Brunswick Township Middle and High Schools.

We also had players from NB Travel soccer and the NBTHS Boys Soccer teams join us for some of our sessions. Our Players had a great time scrimmaging those teams. Each goal that was scored was celebrated like a World Cup goal!

This year, we also implemented weekly team Captains. Three of our Players would be selected to help lead the team in our exercises and drills. We also selected Student Leaders from within our volunteers to act as liaisons in the school, and in the future, to help lead different aspects of our sessions.

Thank you all for a great year, and we look forward to an exciting new year!

*Buddy Ball Coaches
Steven, Rebecca, Mike and Julianna*



*2022 Spring Buddy Ball Program
Players and Buddies*

Our Sponsors

Thank you to our sponsors who have supported financially us this past year.

- ◆ Jersey Physical Therapy
- ◆ KAD Renovations
- ◆ Werblin Elite Basketball
- ◆ Edward and Teresa Wen
- ◆ Jonathan Altman

Our Partners

A special thanks to the following organizations for their partnership in making Buddy Ball successful:

- ◆ North Brunswick Soccer Club
- ◆ North Brunswick Parks, Recreation & Community Services
- ◆ North Brunswick Traveling Basketball Association
- ◆ North Brunswick Special Education Parent-Teacher Organization (SEPTO)

Winter Basketball Season

Basketball season is here! We will be starting on Saturday, January 7th at 12pm to 1pm at Linwood School (Linwood Avenue, North Brunswick).

Registration is open via [CommunityPass](#)

In-person registration available for those having online registration issues.

Looking Ahead

One of our goals for 2023 is for North Brunswick Buddy Ball to become an official non-profit organization. There's a number of reasons that this will be beneficial to our program.

- Credibility / Recognition
- Access to grants
- Tax exemption

As we navigate this process, we will need to find individuals in our community who would be willing to be part of the organization on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in joining, please let us know.



Dribble that ball, Daniel!



Other Sports

We are always on the lookout for additional sport opportunities for our Players.

Activities such as bowling, swimming, karate could be great additions to the Buddy Ball repertoire.

If you have any ideas of additional activities that our Player might enjoy, send us your ideas.

Please use the [Sports Idea](#) form to submit ideas.

Buddy Corner

Thanks again to all of our Buddies who volunteered last year during our Winter Basketball, Spring Soccer and Fall Soccer seasons. Your commitment to our Players and the program contribute to the success of Buddy Ball.



Great job, Alyssa!