

March 7, 2025

Boys Junior High Soccer

The Issue: Recently, the district held sign-ups/registration for junior high boys' soccer. We only had 4 junior high boys soccer players, and therefore, we would be unable to field a boy's junior high soccer team this spring.

The Facts:

- Mr. Herbst reached out to the athletic director at St. John Neuman (SJN) to see if there was any interest in our boy's junior high soccer team "co-opping" with SJN's co-ed team.
- SJN does not have enough boys or girls to field their own team, and currently run a co-ed junior high soccer program that plays an exhibition "all boys" schedule.
- SJN has agreed in principle, but details have not been worked out to co-op with us.
- Mr. Herbst then contacted Mr. Venna as he is head of the District IV to inform him of our intentions. Mr. Venna supports the intentions, however, PIAA has not officially approved it. Mr. Venna informs Mr. Herbst that in order for the process to move forward, our school board needs to approve of the co-op with the SJN co-ed junior high soccer.

Resolution:

We need board approval to co-op with SJN in boys' soccer in order for us to move forward with the process. The plan is to move forward in this manner for the 2025 season so we can re-evaluate our numbers in the hope to have enough players for the spring of 2026.