

NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

On Friday, March 11, 2016 all North Hunterdon High School Spring Athletic teams will have the opportunity to attend a presentation through the Lions Athletic Leadership Academy. We are fortunate to have Jarrod Spencer, Psy.D. visit our school and speak to our athletes on the following topic: "Mind of the Athlete: Clearer Mind, Better Performance." Topic: The 5 Hurdles: Athletes often underperform due to Anxiety, Insomnia, Low Energy Levels, Misguided Tensions, and/or Loneliness.

Individual teams will be scheduled throughout the day from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Staff will release teams throughout the day following the approved schedule. This program teaches athletes how to avoid being tripped up by these 5 hurdles, as well as how to rise again. Dr. Spencer's communication style is positive, proactive, and results-focused.

North Hunterdon H.S. is the first school in the country to go through this Mind of the Athlete curriculum for the past five years. Different programs will be presented for each athletic season throughout the school year. The "Mind of the Athlete" program will be placing a major focus on sports psychology content, goals, time management, team play, positive student and parent roles, etc.

It is our sincere hope that between these activities and discussions you have with your children, we will be able to build a better understanding of the positive effects of team sports in a student's life and maintain an atmosphere of positive athletic comradery in our school and community.

If you have any questions regarding our planned activities, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Principal
Dr. Richard Bergacs

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John Deutsch

Jarrod Spencer, Psy.D.
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Dr. Jarrod Spencer is a Sports Psychologist who is passionate about improving the emotional health of athletes. He is a trusted authority on the mind of today's athlete.



GO LIONS!