Dear Parents,

This year Trafton will again field three girls volleyball teams open to grades 5-8. Tryouts for all groups will be held **Aug. 14 – 17** and will continue the following week as needed. We would encourage anyone interested in playing to attend tryouts and see if you like it. Every year we meet students during the year who tell me that they wish they had tried out after friends told them how much fun we had. *Even if you've never played before*, if you are interested, <u>you should try out!</u> Tryouts are held at **The Zone** at 10371 Stella Link.

<u>Tryouts for the 8th grade,</u> and subsequent practice will run from <u>2:30-4:00pm</u>. Those 8th graders that make the team will leave school at 2:20 (missing their PE) on practice days.

<u>Tryouts for the 7th grade</u> team will run from <u>2:30 to 4:00 pm</u> just for the week of Aug 14 - 17. The following week of Aug 21-24 will have the 7th graders practicing <u>3:45 to 5:00pm</u>. Once school begins, the 7th graders will keep this 3:45-5:00 practice slot.

Tryouts for the 5th/6th grade team and their subsequent practices will be from 3:45 to 5:00 pm.

All practices and games will run Mon.-Thurs. through the week of Oct. 4th. For a look at the season schedule, go to the calendar on the Volleyball page of the www.trafton.org website.

Players should invest in a set of kneepads prior to tryouts, if possible. Inexpensive pads may be bought from places such as Academy. These will allow the player to tryout competitively with little risk of injury. Obviously, a pair of court shoes will be needed as well.

If a student makes the team, the sports fee for volleyball this year will be \$150. While this may seem high, please keep in mind that these costs go only a little way toward fees for gym rental, uniforms, equipment, bus transportation, referees, tournament fees, personalized auto stickers and the coaches' salaries. For most away games we will provide transportation each way on the school bus. For the local away games at Westbury Christian, Emery Weiner, and St. Mark's Episcopal we will only provide transportation *to* the away game.

Registration of your child for sports participation needs to be done as soon as possible. Please download the permission slip from the trafton.org website, sign, and return it to the Trafton office (Go to; "Inside Trafton, Forms, Permission Slips, Athletic Permission Slip"). If you would like to participate but have an unavoidable conflict on certain days (i.e. Hebrew school or other sports team commitments etc.), you could still participate on a limited basis. Please talk to me directly if this is the case. If you cannot make tryouts because you are out of town, ill, or whatever, PLEASE let the coaches know at 713-723-2911 to make arrangements for a tryout. We want everyone interested to get a chance to try out.

Sincerely,

Coach Hyland Coach Gillespie Coach Kroneman