

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In order to better manage concussions sustained by our student-athletes, Joel Barlow High School has acquired ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) Concussion Management Software. This software will assist our team physicians, athletic trainer and personal physicians of student athletes in evaluating and treating concussions.

ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is a research-based software tool utilized to evaluate recovery after concussion. It was developed at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. ImPACT evaluates multiple aspects of neurocognitive function, including memory, attention, brain processing speed, reaction time, and post-concussion symptoms. ImPACT is a non-invasive test that is set up in “video-game” format and on average takes about 20 minutes to complete. This test will be administered to each student-athlete prior to participating in contact sports to gather baseline results. When it is suspected that a student-athlete has suffered from a concussion a follow up test will be given to determine the severity of the head injury and monitor recovery. The data gathered from the post concussion exam will be given to the athletic trainer, school nurse and the physician treating the student-athlete. The test data will enable these healthcare professionals to determine when return-to-play is appropriate for the student-athlete.

We wish to emphasize that the ImPACT testing procedure is non-invasive and poses no risk to your child. The Joel Barlow High School administration, athletic training and coaching staffs are striving to keep your child’s safety foremost in the student athletic experience. Should you elect to have your child participate in this program please complete and return the page attached. If you have any further questions regarding this program please feel free to contact the Joel Barlow High School athletic department at (203) 938-2508 Ext. 1507.

Sincerely,

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