



**DIVINE
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HIGH SCHOOL



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Hello Coaches,

If you are receiving this message, you have registered for the 2021 Mark Carpenter Invitational at Dearborn Divine Child High School. As you may already know, the MHSAA released its track guidelines on March 1st in reference to the number of teams that are allowed to participate (16 teams) in any track and field meet, due to the COVID pandemic.

We are two months away and its truly possible that the MHSAA could make more changes to the conditions in hosting an invitational. We are attempting to figure the best way to make sure every team who has registered for the Mark Carpenter Invitational, be able to participate. We have decided to temporary close the entry to our event. We are asking each school to work with us, so we can continue to provide each of you an outstanding event, as previous years.

It's very important that we work together for this one year to make the Mark Carpenter Invitational a successful event. That being said, we know the Mark Carpenter Invitational has ended between 6:30PM to 7:30PM, each year. We are looking at having three 16 team sessions within two separate dates. Each session will have 8 boy and 8 girl teams.

Session "A" will be on **Thursday afternoon, May 6th @ 4:30PM;**
Session "B" will be **Saturday morning, May 8th @ 9:00AM;** and
Session "C" will be **Saturday afternoon, May 8th @ 4:00PM.**

COMPLETE THIS FORM SO YOU CAN CHOOSE WHICH SESSION YOU PREFER TO ATTEND:

<https://forms.gle/cBuxGBdH4b5wuiQk7>

If you do not communicate your session preference either by completing this form or communicating with me, your team will be placed in a session of our choosing.

There will also be an open Saturday morning **Open Session @ 8:45AM**, for all school who will be entering a 4 x 1600 Meter Relay team. This event doesn't matter which session you are participating in. Only bring the relay members who will be running this event. Once the race is completed your team must leave the facility so we can open the field for the Session "B" participates.

The Pole Vault will also be on the Saturday, morning Open Session at another facility (TBD) @ 8:45AM. It doesn't matter which session you are listed in; those individuals can be entered in the two Open Session events.

We are asking each school to list in order which session you will would like to be in from your 1st to 3rd selection. We will try our best to honor your first selection if at all possible. But understand that if to many schools select the same session as their first choice, we will have to decide which session some schools will be participating in. Please use the Google Form that is attached.

Be advised that the cost for this year's event will be **\$150.00** per team or **\$300.00** for both Boy and Girl teams. We will combine all sessions together for one final result, including team scores. Same awards will be given as in the past: The top six finishers in every individual and relay teams will receive medals. Plus, a first-place medal for the top Division 3 and 4 individual athletes in each individual race.

Each school can enter up to four (4) athletes in individual events and one relay team per each relay event.

We understand that this proposal may not work for every school. We are doing our best to make sure this event will be a success for the year. Hopefully we will be back to normal in 2022.

Please be mindful that we are not the only Invitational going through this usually circumstances. But at least we are having a track and field season.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THINGS WILL PROBABLY CHANGE A COUPLE MORE TIMES BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 6TH. We will make sure we communicate any changes as we prepare for the 10th Annual Mark Carpenter Invitational.

If you have any questions at this point, please call me at **313-283-4618**.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. I wish you all the best of luck as you prepare the start of your season in a few weeks.

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