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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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And just like that, the holidays came and went with a collected sigh of relief, gratitude, and lingering sentiment. Although there seemed to be mere whispers of resolutions, goals and so forth for 2022, as a League, it remains a mission to grow positive, productive mindsets while celebrating the accomplishments of our membership. Student-athlete success runs parallel with the satisfaction of school coaches and administration. “Team” has never had a more meaningful moment in the spotlight as it does now. “Team” goes beyond school colors, mascots, and attendance zones as we enter a brand-new calendar year. SCHSL is a talented team of individuals relying on one another as well as the communities that support our schools. We have worked our way two years beyond the ‘upending’ of normal policies, practices, and schedules to make it to winter 2022. Now is the perfect time to reflect and move forward with even more ambition than we thought possible. Our job is not made easier by limitations but strengthened by our determination to get the job done in the safest manner possible.

Let’s be sure to listen to one another, understand the many tasks at hand and know actions speak far better than words ever could. South Carolina athletes are students first and we encourage you to celebrate all wins, in and out of class. 2022 is a time for renewed focus on health, academics as well as finding joy in everything we do as SCHSL members, teammates. Happy New Year to you and the many fans your school hosts each season, each year. As you take personal inventory preparing for the next 12 months, know you are making THE difference in many lives, both children and adults. If we keep the term ‘team’ at the forefront of our thoughts, our purpose will become even more transparent. What is best for our students? school? community? Your active role as a motivator and cheerleader for everyone around you will move mountains. If we each put the effort in to push one another along, imagine the energy that will create. Resilience is a characteristic of leaders. Our student-athletes have untapped potential every time they step in front of you, at practice or in class. The team goal for 2022 is to uncork each child’s potential to ensure a safe, attainable route to success. There is no truer statement in education than, “it takes a village.” If we work as a team across South Carolina with the sole purpose of reaching every student’s best self, imagine the result! 2022 is full of opportunity for us all and I hope your next 12 months has many fire emojis at the end of each journal entry.