Dear Parents,

Hello! After a three-year hiatus, I am excited to get back to work with the Upper School girls soccer program. For those that are new to the program, my name is Bobby Kennedy and I started teaching and coaching at Rowland Hall in 2003. Prior to that, I taught and coached in several spots throughout New England. I have a BS in Physical Education from Castleton University where I captained the team and was a three time ALL- American. I had a brief professional career playing in the ASL for Nashville and for Boston in the USISL. I have coached over 80 teams in my career ranging from U-10 to college. The beautiful game has shaped my life and that of my family. My daughters, Cam and Caeli, are former Winged Lions, and my wife Kathy is the Senior Director of Facilities for Real Salt Lake. I am extremely excited for the upcoming Rowland Hall high school soccer season to begin!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to give you some information regarding our upcoming schedule. We are scheduled to begin practices on **Monday**, **July 31 at 9:00 a.m. A full practice/game calendar will be available soon in the Parent Portal under Soccer.** We will have a week to prepare for our first preseason game, so it is very important that your daughter is present during this time. Practices will be held in the mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m. before school begins. Once school starts, practices will be held daily (except weekends) at 3:45 - 5:15 p.m. for varsity and junior varsity team members.

We will hold a **required** parent meeting via Zoom on **Wednesday**, **August 2 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** I will send out a Zoom invite in August and would ask that you please be aware and plan to attend.

There are several required forms that must be submitted by JULY 14 in order for your daughter to be eligible to play on the soccer team. Information about how to complete the Aktivate process for the Girls Soccer Team on the site is included in the email that accompanies this letter. Please be aware that an athlete MUST submit a Form A Physical Examination form ANNUALLY- that means that ALL athletes need to get an appointment for a physical exam using the attached form. The hard copy of the Physical and Transportation Permission Form must be submitted to Pam Stone at pamstone @rowlandhall.org

Please contact me at 435-901-1554 or via email at bobbykennedy@rowlandhall.org if you have any questions. I am looking forward to our 2023 season!

Bobby Kennedy Head Girls Soccer Coach