Parents of Middle School Girls Tennis Players,

The Spearfish Tennis Association is offering a middle school tennis program this fall for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls. Gerty Wyatt will be running the program with assistance from other Spearfish Tennis Association members.

This program is for any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade girl in the Spearfish area. Since tennis is not an official middle school activity at Spearfish MS, any area MS girl may participate in the program.

There will be a parent/participant meeting at the high school tennis courts 4pm, Sunday, Aug 13 weather permitting.

Practice Schedule
Practices are Monday through Friday, starting Aug 14th through Sept 29, from 3:30-5:00pm at the MS tennis courts. Days that school is dismissed early, practice will start immediately after dismissal. Days when the HS team is out of town, practices may be at the HS courts. Players will be given advanced notice if this is the case. Please communicate any scheduling conflicts with the coach for staffing purposes.

We will NOT have practice Monday, August 21st or Friday August 25th.

Tentative Meet Schedule for 2023
Aug 19th @ Parkview Tennis Courts in Rapid City
Sept 2nd @ Parkview Tennis Courts in Rapid City

Sept 12th @ SHS/SMS Tennis Courts in Spearfish
Sept 16th @ SHS/SMS Tennis Courts in Spearfish
Sept 30th @ Parkview Tennis Courts in Rapid City

PLAYERS MAY START AT ANYTIME.

Participants will need proper practice clothes: T-shirt, shorts **with pockets**, tennis shoes, **water bottle**, warm clothing for those cooler days. NO flip flops or jeans.

We ask that parents donate snacks that the team can share for after school as well as meets.

School Physical is required for players.

T-shirts will be ordered on Aug 16. They will be the same as last year.

The tennis association will provide tennis rackets for those who need one.

Players will learn:
- basic tennis skills (footwork, grip, forehand, backhand, volley, serve, and overhead)
- rules of the game
- tennis etiquette
- keeping score (regular, no-add, and tie-breaker)