

## **Parent Orientation**

All parents are required to attend a coaches meeting for each sport in which their child participates and must view the sportsmanship video once per year.

## **Parent Expectations**

*Interscholastic athletic competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. The highest potential of sports is achieved when all participants to include parents and spectators are committed to pursuing victory with honor.*

- Live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship; do what's right even when it's unpopular or personally costly.
- Treat people with respect all the time and require the same of your children.
- Live and cheer with class; be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity; compliment extraordinary performance; and show respect for all competitors.
- Don't engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.
- Treat contest officials with respect; don't complain about or argue with official calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.
- Treat coaches with respect at all times; recognize that they have team goals beyond those of your child. Don't shout instructions to players from the stands; let the coaches coach.
- Consistently exhibit good character and conduct yourself as a role model for your children.
- Exercise self-control; don't fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration; have the strength to overcome the temptation to demean others.
- Assure that you and your child understand that participation in interscholastic sports is a privilege, not a right, and that they are expected to represent their team, school and family with honor, on and off the field.
- Treat all competitors fairly; be open-minded; always be willing to listen and learn.
- Encourage your children regardless of their play; offer positive reinforcement. Demonstrate sincere interest in your child's play.
- Demonstrate concern for others; never encourage the injury of any player, officials or fellow spectator.
- Consider the needs and desires of your child's teammates in addition to your own; help promote the team concept by encouraging all team members, understanding that the coach is responsible for determining playing time.