

All Saints Catholic School's Athletic & Extracurricular Philosophy

Sports activities can offer children new challenges, improved skills, a sense of accomplishment, and a great deal of fun. Children who take part in sports are better for it. They learn to take the risk of accepting new challenges while they test the limits of their abilities. Participants learn to take pride in honest effort and achievement, regardless of victory or defeat. They learn the importance of teamwork in accomplishing goals. Sports can help children develop and mature emotionally and socially as well as gain an enthusiasm for an active lifestyle. Any child wishing to participate in All Saints Catholic School's program will be placed on a team according to their abilities.

Eligibility

An athlete must be enrolled at All Saints Catholic School in order to compete.

Middle School students will maintain a 3.0 (B) or above academic average in all subjects with no failing grades in order to be eligible for participation in school-sponsored athletic teams and extracurricular activities. Eligibility will be determined every two weeks which may include mid-term progress reports and at the end of each quarter. Students who have a D or F in any class will be ineligible for the following two weeks. Students who fail to meet the criteria may not participate in any contest during their period of ineligibility. Elementary students must be in good standing both in academics and citizenship. Eligibility may also be determined through the Principal's discretion.

Attendance at athletic/activity practices is not optional. Unless previously excused by the athletic director, athletes/participants are expected to attend all team practices and activities. Missing practices will result in reduced playing time and may result in dismissal from the team/club.

In order for a student to participate in an after school event (sports, Missoula Children's Theatre, Book Club, etc.) students must attend school all day on the day of the event and the day after unless arranged with the administration prior due to special circumstances. Administrative decisions will be final.

Parent and Spectator Guidelines

It is the philosophy of All Saints Catholic School to encourage participation by all interested boys and girls in the various programs offered by the schools and community. To ensure both a safe and positive environment for our athletes, All Saints Catholic School has established the following spectator and parent guidelines.

1. Remember that children play organized sports for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you and are NOT miniature pro-athletes. Our philosophy is separate from the AAU philosophy and rules.
2. Be on your best Christian behavior. Don't use profanity or harass players, coaches, or officials. Vulgar and off-color cheers or gestures will not be tolerated.
3. Applaud good plays by your own team and the visiting team. Never ridicule a child for making a mistake during competition.
4. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no games.
5. Condemn the use of violence in all forms.
6. Respect officials' decisions.
7. Encourage players to always play according to the rules.
8. Recognize the value and importance of your child's coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide positive activities for your child.
9. Parents are responsible for supervision of younger siblings in attendance at all games and extracurricular activities.
10. Have fun and encourage all student athletes to do the same!

Student Spectators

For safety reasons, student spectators will not be allowed to stay and watch practices. Spectators also need to stay in the stands/off the court before, during and after the game. The coaches are not supervisors of the spectators.

Students who do not follow the spectator/athlete guidelines will need to go home. Our athletic program is under the direction of the athletic director and principal.

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____