



# Sample Letter to Parents

The role of the parent in the education of a student is vital. The support shown in the home is often manifested in the ability of the student to accept the opportunities presented at school and in life.

There is a value system - established in the home, nurtured in the school - that young people are developing. Their involvement in classroom and other activities contributes to that development. Trustworthiness, citizenship, caring, fairness and respect are lifetime values taught through athletics. These are the principles of good sportsmanship and character. With them, the spirit of competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of the results.

As a parent of a student-athlete(s) at our school, your goals should include:

- Realize that athletics are part of the educational experience, and the benefits of involvement go beyond the final score of a game;
- Encourage our students to perform their best, just as we would urge them on with their classwork;
- Participate in positive cheers that encourage our student-athletes; and discouraging any cheers that would redirect that focus - including those that taunt and intimidate opponents, their fans and officials;
- Learn, understand, and respect the rules of the game, the officials who administer them and their decisions;
- Respect the task of our coaches face as teachers; and support them as they strive to educate our youth;
- Respect our opponents as student-athletes, and acknowledge them for striving to do their best; and
- Develop a sense of dignity and civility under all circumstances.

You can have a major influence on your student's attitude about academics and athletics. The leadership role you take will help influence your child, and our community, for years to come.

We look forward to serving you in the year ahead, and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,