

SPSV Athletics Dept.

Letter to Parents

The role of the parent in the education of a student is important. The support shown in the home is often manifested in the ability of the student to accept the opportunities presented at school in the classroom and through co-curricular activities. There is a value system—established in the home, nurtured in the school – which young people are developing. Their involvement in classroom and other activities contributes to that development. Integrity, fairness and respect are lifetime values taught through athletics. These are the principles of good sportsmanship. 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 at our school, your sportsmanship goals should include:*
- Realizing that athletics are part of the educational experience, and the benefits of involvement go beyond the final score of a game;*
- Encouraging our students to perform their best, just as we would urge them on with their class work, knowing that others will always turn in better or lesser performances;*
- Participating in positive cheers that encourage our students; and discouraging any cheer that would redirect that focus—including those that taunt and intimidate opponents, their fans and officials;*
- Learning, understanding and respecting the rules of the game, the officials who administer them and their decisions;*
- Respecting the task that our coaches' face as teachers; and supporting them as they strive to educate our youth;*
- Respecting our opponents as fellow students, and acknowledging them for striving to do their best; and*
- Developing a sense of dignity under all circumstances*
- Be a fan... not a fanatic!*

You can have a major influence on your student's attitude about academics and athletics. The leadership role you take in sportsmanship 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,

Coach Smith
Athletic Director