

SPSV Athletic Dept.

Letter to Student Athletes

Student athletes who are good sports are positive role models within our school and the community at-large. A good sport knows that athletic competition builds character and shapes lifetime attitudes. You, in turn, experience additional educational leadership benefits that come from participation in sports. Integrity, fairness, and respect are inherent principles of good sportsmanship. With them the spirit of competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of the results.

As an athlete at our school, your sportsmanship goals should include:

- Developing a sense of dignity under all circumstances;*
- Respecting the rules of the games, the officials who administer the rules, and their decisions;*
- Respecting opponents as fellow students; and acknowledging them for striving to do their best while you seek your best at the same time;*
- Refraining from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, specifically taunting, trash talk, and other forms of intimidation;*
- Looking at athletic participation as a potentially beneficial learning experience, whether you win or lose; and*
- Educating other students and fans to understand the rules of the game, and the value of sportsmanship.*

You are the spokesperson for our school when you represent us in athletic competition. Your actions are viewed by family and friends, opposing fans, the local community and the media. Your display of good sportsmanship will show the most positive things about your and our school; and hopefully, remind us all that, in the end, sports are meant to be fun. We hope the upcoming season is a rewarding one for you.

Sincerely,

Coach Smith
Athletic Director