



ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN SCHOOL

St. Paul Sports Contract

Dear Parents, and Students,

Our St. Paul athletes, their parents, and coaches have a very high calling to live their Christian faith both on and off the bench, bleachers, court, and field of competition. Ours is a life of thanks and service for all that our Savior, Jesus Christ, has done on our behalf.

Our sports program is one way in which our families can live their faith in their Savior.. To help our sports program maintain a focus upon the faith which we confess and live our lives, we ask each household to prayerfully consider the following items.

Unity

King David wrote in Psalm 133: “ How good and pleasant it is when brothers live in unity.” With those words of scripture in mind, our family will seek to promote unity among those involved in our St. Paul’s sports program. With the Holy Sp[irit]’s help we will “...encourage one another to build others up...” (I Thessalonians 5:11a)

Prayer

St. James tells Christians in Chapter 3 of his epistle to “pray for each other” because “the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” Our family will pray for our coaches, our players, our opponents, and all those involved with our St. Paul’s sports program.

Authority

In light of the 4th commandment, we recognize that the coaches and referees have been placed in a position of authority. The coaches are appointed by the athletic director in consultation with the principal. They are then ratified by the school board. Working within the guidelines established in our Athletic Handbook, the coach is entrusted to carry out his or her duties in a God-pleasing manner and fashion. We will then deal with the coach(es) in the spirit of Romans 13:6 - “Give everyone what you owe them...if respect, then respect, if honor, then honor.” We recognize that the coach must be allowed to coach. While we may not agree with every coaching decision and philosophy, we recognize the coach has been entrusted with God-given authority to carry out the coaching duties. With that in mind, we will refrain from second-guessing the coach in areas of playing time, game plans, and the like. Likewise, knowing the referees have also been entrusted with God-given authority to manage the game, family members in attendance will refrain from criticizing the officials. Instead, we will do all we can to support and encourage the coaches and referees in a spirit of Christian love.

Cooperation

In light of Christian service and in cooperation with the many families who benefit from our sports program, we parents will willingly volunteer our service in support of the athletic program at St. Paul.

We have read the above contract items and the St. Paul Athletic Handbook and with the Spirit’s help will put them into practice in our lives

Father’s Signature **Mother’s Signature** **Student’s Signature**

Date