

## **ST. CELESTINE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE PROGRAM**

THE PURPOSE OF THE ST. CELESTINE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE IS TO OVERSEE AND COORDINATE ALL SCHOOL AFFILIATED SPORT ACTIVITIES FOR ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL CHILDREN IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ORGANIZATION, SUPERVISION, AND FINANCING. THE GROUPS COMING UNDER THIS SUPERVISION SHALL INCLUDE ALL EXISTING TEAMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

### **SPECIFIC DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE INCLUDE:**

1. DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF SUPERVISION, SUPPLYING ALL EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL.
2. RECOMMENDING FOR APPROVAL THE FORMATION AND ENTRY OF ANY ATHLETIC TEAM OR SQUAD INTO ANY LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT AND SUPPLYING ENTRY FEES. NO GROUP SHALL PARTICIPATE IN ANY KIND OF COMPETITION WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE PRINCIPAL.
3. DETERMINING THE NECESSITY AND SUPPLYING OF ALL LETTERS AND AWARDS FOR THESE GROUPS.
4. TO SPONSOR AND SUPERVISE ALL ATHLETIC-RELATED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR ALL TEAMS.
5. ARRANGING ANY TOURNAMENTS OR SPORTING ACTIVITIES.
6. INVESTIGATING ANY DISCIPLINE PROBLEM OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS, WITH THE OPTION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE PRINCIPAL THE SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETIC AND/OR USING ATHLETIC FACILITIES.

### **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

IT IS THE MISSION OF THE ST. CELESTINE ATHLETIC PROGRAM TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH A COMPETITIVE SPORTS PROGRAM AS AN EXTENSION OF THE ST. CELESTINE ACADEMIC PROGRAM. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF EACH SPORT AND DEVELOP STRONG, HEALTHY AND DISCIPLINED MINDS AND BODIES. PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO DEVELOP A SENSE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, FAIR PLAY AND TEAM SPIRIT.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL IS CONCERNED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WHOLE PERSON: THE RELIGIOUS MORAL, SOCIAL, AND ACADEMIC DIMENSIONS, AS WELL AS THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT. THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE ST. CELESTINE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS, STUDENTS MAY DEVELOP LIFELONG SKILLS AND POSITIVE VALUES. THESE VALUES INCLUDE LEADERSHIP, HEALTHFUL LIVING HABITS, SELF-DISCIPLINE, INTEGRITY, TEAMWORK, RESPECT FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND THE ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE WITH DIGNITY AND GRACE.

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ORGANIZE AND MANAGE THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM BELONGS TO THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PRINCIPAL. THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE IS A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, COMPRISED OF EXECUTIVE POSITIONS APPOINTED BY THE PRINCIPAL. THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE WORKS IN COLLABORATION WITH AN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SCHOOL. THE COMMITTEE MEETS MONTHLY IN THE LOWER MEETING ROOM.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IS RESPONSIBLE, FOR ORGANIZING AND OVERSEEING THE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR TO SCHEDULE GYM TIME BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AS ESTABLISHED BY THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE:

1. COMPETITIVE SPORTING EVENT
2. SPORT IN SEASON
3. SPORT OUT OF SEASON
4. ADULT PROGRAM

IT IS ALSO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR TO MAINTAIN ALL ATHLETIC PROGRAM PAPERWORK. THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IS THE PRIMARY CONTACT TO ADDRESS ANY ATHLETIC PROGRAM CONCERNS, WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.

**COACHES**

COACHES ARE VOLUNTEERS SELECTED BY, AND MONITORED BY, THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR. COACHES MUST COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK, ATTEND A VIRTUS "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" WORKSHOP, READ AND SIGN THE ARCHDIOCESAN CODE OF CONDUCT, AND FILL OUT A FORM FOR A DCFS SCREENING BEFORE ALLOWED TO COACH.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES IN INSTRUCTIONAL OR COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS NEED TO SUBMIT A PHYSICAL FORM SIGNED BY THEIR DOCTOR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE. IN ADDITION, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN TO NOTIFY COACHES OF ANY MEDICAL CONDITION(S), OR MEDICATION(S) REQUIRED FOR THEIR CHILD, AND MUST NOTIFY THE COACHES OF ANY MEDICATION(S) IN THE PLAYER'S POSSESSION.

**ACADEMIC POLICY**

THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLIES THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE PRESIDENT AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR WITH THE NAMES OF STUDENTS WHO WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORT PROGRAMS FOR EACH TWO-WEEK PERIOD. THE TEACHERS HAVE CONSIDERABLE INPUT AS TO WHETHER A CHILD MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE SPORTS PROGRAMS DEPENDING ON "MISSING ASSIGNMENTS", "LATE WORK" OR OTHER AREAS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. A CHILD WILL REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL HIS/HER GRADES IMPROVE ADEQUATELY. PARENTS MAY REMOVE THEIR CHILDREN FROM ANY ATHLETIC PROGRAM, TEAM OR SQUAD AT ANY TIME. HOWEVER, ONCE THE PROGRAM HAS BEGUN, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ISSUED.

**IMPROPER LANGUAGE**

IMPROPER LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT ANY LEVEL. THE PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH IMPROPER LANGUAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE FIRST OFFENSE WILL RESULT IN A WARNING.
2. THE SECOND OFFENSE DURING THE SAME GAME/ACTIVITY WILL RESULT IN SITTING OUT OF THE REST OF THE GAME/ACTIVITY.
3. ANY REPEATED USAGE OF IMPROPER LANGUAGE MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSIONS OR REMOVAL FROM A TEAM OR ACTIVITY.

THIS APPLIES TO STUDENT/ATHLETES, PARENTS, FANS AND COACHES. IT IS THE COACHES' RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES.

### **COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

PARENTS SHOULD COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY TO THE APPROPRIATE COACH ANY PROBLEM OR CONCERN. IF EITHER PARTY IS UNSATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE INITIAL DISCUSSION, A FORMAL LETTER OR EMAIL SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE. THE PRINCIPAL WILL HANDLE SENSITIVE MATTERS.

### **SERVICE TIME REQUIREMENT**

FIVE (5) HOURS OF SERVICE TIME IS REQUIRED PER FAMILY OF ANY STUDENT-ATHLETE PARTICIPATING IN ANY COMPETITIVE (SOCCER, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, SOFTBALL, BASEBALL) OR INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM (FLOOR HOCKEY, BASKETBALL, CHEERLEADING, SOCCER). SERVICE HOUR COUPONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED UPON SIGN UP. THE SERVICE HOURS MUST BE COMPLETED DURING THE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S SEASON OF PARTICIPATION.

EACH HOUR NOT SERVED WILL BE ASSESSED A FEE OF \$30 PER COUPON, NOT TO EXCEED \$150 PER FAMILY. ALL HOURS MUST BE SERVED OR PAID BY **MAY 1, 2012**. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN REPORT CARDS BEING HELD AND THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SIGN UP THE FOLLOWING YEAR UNTIL FEES ARE PAID.

### **ATHLETIC FEES**

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION OF THE STUDENT-ATHLETE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PRACTICES OR GAMES.

### **ATHLETIC MASSES**

ATHLETIC MASSES OCCUR MONTHLY. PLEASE REFER TO MONTHLY CALENDAR. ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES ON COMPETITIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN 6 OUT OF THE 8 ATHLETIC MASSES.

### **PLAYING TIME**

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO DEVELOP THE STUDENT ATHLETES' SKILLS AND ABILITIES, AS WELL AS TEACHING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GAME. COMPETITIVE TEAMS BEGIN IN 5TH GRADE. THE 5TH AND 6TH GRADE TEAMS ARE STILL INSTRUCTIONAL AND SKILL-DEVELOPMENT IN NATURE. EACH STUDENT-ATHLETE WILL BE GIVEN EQUAL PLAYING TIME THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE SEASON.

IN 7TH AND 8TH GRADE, PLAYING TIME IS BASED ON SKILLS, ATTENDANCE AT GAMES AND PRACTICES, ATTITUDE AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK AS A TEAM PLAYER. THIS IS COMPETITIVE PLAY AND PLAYING TIME IS NOT GUARANTEED AT THIS LEVEL.

### **UNIFORMS**

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES ARE TO WEAR THE SET UNIFORM. EACH STUDENT-ATHLETE MUST BE FULLY DRESSED FOR EACH GAME. IF THE STUDENT-ATHLETE IS NOT IN UNIFORM, HE OR SHE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME THAT DAY.