

Athletic Registration

Registration for St John Athletics teams takes place during the fall, winter and spring seasons for grades 5-8th. St John school provides uniform for most sports. Parents will be notified if they need to purchase a part of the team uniform.

Form Requirements Prior to Athletic Participation

- 1) A yearly physician signed physical form must be on file with the athletic department.
- 2) A signed medical release form must be on file with the athletic department.
- 3) A signed code of conduct form must be on file with the athletic department.
- 4) A completed registration form & athletic fees must be received by the final deadline in order to participate.

Academic Eligibility for Athletes

Student athletes must maintain grades of C- in their core classes: Religion, Reading, English, Math, Science and Social Studies. Eligibility for fall sports will be based upon a student's grades from the previous fourth quarter . Any student participating in the St John sports program who receives an academic/conduct referral may be suspended from games based on the severity of the infraction. Behavior at school and school events can affect athletic eligibility.

Attendance Requirements for Athletes

It is the responsibility of the athletes to be present for practices/games, or contact the coach in advance. Failure to be present for a scheduled practice/game , without the proper notification of the coach, will result in the athlete being suspended from a practice or a game. Repeated absences from practices/games will result in an extended suspension from the team.

Requirements during the season of participation

When a student makes a decision to participate on a St John team they should be aware of the commitment they are making. When choosing to play for St John the student is committing to:

- 1) Setting an example of good conduct for the school by following rules of good sportsmanship at all times. Any athlete causing dissension among team members or displaying inappropriate conduct may be suspended or dismissed from that team.
- 2) Athletes are responsible for the care of their uniform, equipment and the condition of the locker room. Any athlete who loses or destroys any school property will not be allowed to participate in St. John Athletics until equipment is returned or compensation is made. Any loss or damage to school property will be billed to the players parents.
- 3) The athlete will report any injury to the person in charge.
- 4) All athletes are expected to take care of themselves in all matters of health.
- 5) Jewelry may not be worn to practices or contest.
- 6) Athletes are to promptly deliver any communications to parents.
- 7) No athlete will be allowed to participate in practices/games on a day in which the athlete has been absent for any part of the school day, unless the absence is verified by written parental excuse and permission to participate in the athletic activity is given by the principal or athletic director.
- 8) Athletes agree to follow all gym policies.
- 9) If a student quits a team during the season his/her reasons for quitting will be reviewed before participation on another team is allowed. In an effort to create more playing time we divide up team based on the number of students who sign up. If a team member quits during the season this could create a problem for the team.

10) When making a decision to become part of a team, parents and students should be aware of the amount of time involved. If your athlete has conflicts on practice and competition days and they can't make St. John their first commitment, they are asked to make a choice.

Coaches

In order to be considered as a coach you must submit an application every year and you must have completed all protecting Gods Children requirements. The athletic director, with the approval of the principal, designates coaches and assistant coaches. Guidelines for coaches, based on the Diocese of Lansing standards and endorsed by the FACSL and St John School, are given to each coach and assistant coach.

Parental Involvement with Athletic program

In keeping with the guidelines of the Diocese of Lansing, The FACSL and St John School have adopted and subscribe to the following guidelines for parental involvement and fan participation in athletic events:

- 1.) Parents must provide a record of a current physical (within one year) to the athletic director in order for the student to begin practice with the team. The athletic physical form is available on-line or in the school office.
- 2.) Parents and fans are expected to exhibit a Catholic Christian manner of speech and action and provide positive encouragement and support for the athletes, the team, the coaches and the school. Foul language will not be tolerated, and will result in immediate expulsion from any athletic event. *Good sportsmanship is required of all coaches, teams, parents, and spectators.*

Concerns- Solutions Regarding the Athletic Program

In a school community there are bound to be areas in which we are not all of one mind. We all have different opinions on a whole range of issues. If a parent or student has an issue that needs to be addressed the Diocesan regulations direct that students or parents who have a complaint regarding the athletic program **must follow these steps**:

- 1) Wait 24 hours to contact the coach of the sport & try to resolve the issue
- 2) If the matter is not resolved, contact the Athletic Director
- 3) If the matter is still unresolved, contact the principal

The above chain of communication is to be used. If there is no satisfaction at the first level, then it is the parent's right to take it to the next level and so on.

Athletic Awards Banquet for 7/8th grades

An athletic awards banquet will be held at the end of the school year for the 7/8th grade athletes and their parents in the Grand Hall at the parish activity center. Prepaid reservations are required. Attire for the banquet is casual dress that complies with school dress code

Athletic Awards for 5/6th grades

Athletic awards will be presented for grades 5/6th grade athletes at the end of each season by their coaches