

ATHLETIC CODE FOR STUDENTS

St. Paul's Lutheran School
Janesville, Wisconsin

ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

We believe that each child is a child of God's and should be educated in the physical development of his/her body to use the physical talents the Lord has given to him/her to their fullest. In addition to the development of talents we believe our athletic program should also foster the development of character, respect, honesty, responsibility, sacrifice, and self-discipline. As Christ is the center of our lives so He is also in, with, under, and through our athletic philosophy.

BEHAVIOR AND SCHOLASTIC CODE MEETING

A fall meeting will be held for all parents and students who plan to participate in any athletic activity during the school year. The athletic director will be in charge of this meeting where he will present the following Student Athletic Code. ***The meeting will be done online, through the school website (bit.ly/goflames).***

SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

Since the Church Council, administration and faculty of St. Paul's Lutheran School feels that our school should stress being a student before being an athlete the following academic standards have been established for participation in any extra-curricular athletic program. Any infractions to this code during the 4th quarter of the school year will be enforced at the beginning of the next school year.

Realizing that not all students have the same academic abilities the use of "Effort" grades rather than "Achievement" grades will be used. A poor effort grade will not prevent a student from trying out for a team, only from participating. The minimum standards for all activities will be at least a "C" grade in effort. A parent may wish to have stricter standards. If a student receives a "D" or "F" for effort on a midterm or end of quarter report they will be suspended from any team(s) they are involved with for one week, with the week beginning when the parent is notified. This includes both practices and competitions. Athletes are expected to still attend competitions with the team but may not participate. If the child does not attend the game(s), the suspension will be enforced at the next game, with additional consequences at the coach's discretion. At the end of the one week if the teacher feels the student has improved that grade, they will again be allowed to participate. At any time during the school year the teacher may inform the coach of a poor effort grade and the student will be suspended for one week. If a student is suspended for a total of three weeks in any season they are off the team for that season.

DETENTION POLICY

Any athlete receiving more than two (2) detentions in one week will not be allowed to participate in the next athletic competition. If an athlete receives more detentions than there are weeks in any given quarter, then the athlete will be suspended from the team for one week.

Detentions received by athletes will be served after school unless the parent or guardian contacts the teacher or school to reschedule the detention. When this is the case the detention will be served the next possible day. It will be left to the discretion of the individual coach involved whether they take any further action for arriving late to practice or the competition.

BEHAVIOR

Athletes are expected to follow the current "church attendance policy" of the school since this is more important than attendance at practices or competitions. If an athlete's church attendance becomes a concern, the Athletic Director will discuss the concern with the athlete and / or parent. If attendance continues to be a concern, the athlete and parent will be asked to appear before a

committee consisting of the Athletic Director, the principal, and a pastor.

Respect for the coach and other team members is expected at all times. If a coach feels an athlete's behavior is disrespectful, unchristian or violates school rules the student will be asked to appear with the parent before a committee including the coach, the athletic director and the principal with a suspension or expulsion from the team being possible. Student athletes are expected to abide by the current school "anti-bullying" policy.

All athletes, coaches, and parents are expected to demonstrate a Christian attitude at all sporting events. Remember that others will see Christ's love through our actions.

Proof of use or possession of any form of tobacco, illegal drugs, and/or alcohol will result in expulsion from all athletic activities for that season only. Also the proof of misuse of prescription or over the counter drugs will result in the same action.

Foul or abusive language used by an athlete at school, during practices, competitions, or enroute to or from a competition will result in the missing of the balance of that competition and the entire next competition. Foul language is cursing, swearing, vulgarity, or profanity. Abusive language is purposely humiliating, degrading, or undermining another person.

Any time there is a medical excuse for the student to not participate in physical education class the student will also not be allowed to participate in practices or competitions until they are again participating in phy. ed. However, they can attend the practice or the competition.

If a student is absent from school on any part of the day of a practice or competition they will not be allowed to practice or compete after school. Exceptions to this would be appointments with medical professionals, counselors, or attendance at funerals.

Individual coaches may have more specific rules by which they expect their team members to abide. These will be printed for the student and parent to read at the beginning of the season and will have been approved by the Athletic Director.

PLEASE KEEP THIS FORM.

ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES WILL BE COLLECTED ON A SINGLE SHEET AND TURNED IN TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR. YOU WILL STILL NEED TO SIGN INDIVIDUAL PERMISSION SLIPS FOR EACH SPORT, AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE.

Sports offered at St. Paul's Lutheran School

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Cross Country (gr. 4-8, boys and girls)	Basketball (gr. 5-8, boys and girls)	Track (gr. 5-8, boys and girls)
Volleyball (gr. 6-8, girls only)	Cheerleading (gr. 6-8, girls only)	
	Poms (gr. 6-8, girls only)	