



STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES **2011 – 2012 Academic School Year**

The purpose of the St. Catharine Athletic program is to provide you with an opportunity to have an instructional and positive athletic experience. You will learn the meaning of sportsmanship and will be provided an opportunity to demonstrate what you have learned about this important aspect of our program. You will also learn other fundamentals of a particular sport(s) along with life skills that are an integral part of the teaching of our school.

One of the main aspects of our program is to support and reinforce the spiritual principles of our Catholic faith. Emphasis will be placed on what it means to be a member and a representative of the St. Catharine School community. This includes following and promoting the responsibilities of our faith, such as weekly mass attendance, frequent participation in the sacraments and respect for all forms of life.

As a member of the St. Catharine School athletic program, you are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior in each circumstance that you may encounter as a representative of the school/parish community.

Appropriate behavior is defined as follows:

- Athletes are expected to always be in control of their conduct/behavior.
- They must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner as they represent the teaching and belief of the St. Catharine School community.
- One of the main goals of our athletic program is to teach each student participant not only how to play a sport, but also how to exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship. We expect all of our students to set and reinforce these ideals both on and off the field.
- Athletes are encouraged to communicate words of encouragement and support of the athletes, coaches, officials or fans of an opposing team. Should a student-athlete feel a need to express a concern, that communication must begin with the SCS coach.
- Under no circumstance should a student-athlete engage in any verbal abuse or acts of intimidation with a player, coach or game official. Rather, if the student is a recipient of the same, that fact should be brought to the attention of the SCS coaching staff immediately for proper handling.
- The decisions of all game officials are final and should be implemented as instructed and in the proper spirit. At no time is a student-athlete to engage an official before, during or after a contest to protest a call or situation. Again, any concerns must be funneled through the SCS coaching staff.

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- At each team activity, it is everyone's responsibility to make every effort to ensure that safety is considered a priority.
- A student-athlete should first report any observed behavior that is inconsistent with this policy to the appropriate SCS coach. If the situation is not addressed properly, notice should be made to the Principal.

Student Code of Conduct

Any student in our school wishing to participate in ANY extra curricular activity/sport for SCS is expected to abide by our school Code of Conduct. Participation is a privilege and the administration of the school has the right to revoke this privilege and terminate a student's participation if the student does not conduct him/herself in an acceptable manner. Standards of behavior must be kept high because extra curricular activities/sports are a reflection on our school program: this code will be upheld for any and all school activities.

This information includes on or off school property, during or outside school hours. All students are expected to maintain academics, good attendance, exhibit good sportsmanship, and represent the school in a very positive manner. Violations of this code will result in the student's dismissal from the activity.

Student keeps this paper.