

Message to the Parents/Guardians

Thank you for your support of your student-athlete and our sports programs at Elmwood Park High School. We need your help at home to make sure that your child is coming to school on time, as well as going to practices on a daily basis. Communication is the number one life skill and we encourage you to communicate with your child's coaches and our Athletic Director with any concerns you may have.

Please note the following:

- Parents should be respectful toward opposing team players and coaches, officials and fans during a game or meet.
- Parents should not be critical of their child's coach while the coach is present. There is a time and a place; in front of your child or any other child is inappropriate.

Communication with Parents

- When your child is involved in sports, his/her relationship with the coach becomes important, and so does yours. There are many ways you can support the coach which also benefits your student-athlete both physically and psychologically.
- Introduce yourself to the coach- get off to a good start and continue to compliment the coach when he/she does something to be appreciated and/or admired.
- Honor the game -According to the Positive Coaching Alliance this means showing respect for the rules, your team's opponents, the officials, your child's teammates and your child.
- Handle disagreements appropriately - don't put your child in the middle of or presence of complaints about the coach.
- If you have a question or issue regarding a call or decision take it up with the coach during a private meeting or phone call.

- If your student-athlete plays sports, recognize that disappointments are part of the game. The good news is that dealing with disappointments can be significant learning opportunities, especially with your help and guidance.
- Follow the rules - be sure your student-athlete arrives on time for practices and games, with all required equipment, and complies with the policies the coach has set forth.
- Show your child that you respect the coach's authority, as they should.

IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH

PLEASE FOLLOW PROCEDURES:

1. Call the coach to set up an appointment; The Elmwood Park High School telephone number is (201) 796-8700.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Director of Athletics, Mr. Michael Oppido. He will set up the meeting for you. His telephone number is (201) 796-8700.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a game or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach.
4. If a resolution is not obtained with the coach, please contact the Director of Athletics, Mr. Michael Oppido for a second meeting.
5. Due process allows for you to meet with the Principal/Vice Principal, and then the Superintendent if necessary.