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St. Paul's Sports Contract

Dear Coaches, Parents, and Students,

Our St. Paul athletes, their parents, and coaches have a very high calling to live their Christian faith both on and off the bench, bleachers, court, and field of competition. Ours is a life of thanks and service for all that our Savior, Jesus Christ, has done on our behalf.

Our sports program is one way our school family can glorify Jesus. To help our sports program maintain a focus upon the faith which we confess and live our lives, we ask each household to prayerfully consider the following items.

Unity - King David wrote in Psalm 133: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live in unity." With those words of Scripture in mind, our family will seek to promote unity among all those involved in our St. Paul's sports programs. With the Holy Spirit's help we will "...encourage one another and build each other up..." (Thessalonians 5:11a)

Prayer- Saint James tells Christians in Chapter 5 of his Epistle to "pray for each other" because "the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." Our family will pray for our coaches, our players, our opponents, and all those involved with our St. Paul's sports program.

Authority- In light of the 4th Commandment, we recognize that the coaches and referees have been placed in a position of authority. The coaches are appointed by the athletic director in consultation with the principal. They are then "ratified" by the school board. Working within the guidelines established in our Athletic Handbook, the coach is entrusted to carry out his or her duties in a God-pleasing manner and fashion. We will then deal with the coach(es) in the spirit of Romans 13:6-- "Give everyone what you owe him... If respect, then respect; if honor, then honor." We recognize that the coach must be allowed to coach. While we may not always agree with his or her coaching decisions and philosophy, we recognize the coach has been entrusted with God-given authority to carry out his/her duties. With that in mind, we will refrain from second-guessing the coach in areas of playing time, game plans, and the like. Instead, we will do all we can to support and encourage the coach(es) in a spirit of Christian love.

Cooperation- In light of christian service and in cooperation with the many families who benefit from our sport program, we parents willingly provide voluntary service for home competition events at least twice per sports season.

We have read the above contract items and the St. Paul Athletic Handbook and with the Spirit's help will put them into practice in our lives...

Father's Signature

Student Signature

Mother's Signature

Date

Coach's Signature