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## **PARENT/GUARDIAN LETTER**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The role of the parent/guardian in the education of their child is of the highest importance. The support shown in the home is often manifested in the ability of the student to accept the variety of opportunities presented at school, in the classroom and through school activities.

We know that participation in co-curricular offerings helps our students build character and instill responsibility while offering opportunities for personal growth. It is through your support, that these lessons can continue to be emphasized and reinforced.

As a parent/guardian of a student at our school, we ask that you support our sportsmanship code in the following ways:

Realize that athletics are a part of the total educational experience and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of the game

Encourage our students to perform their best

Respect the task of our coaches and support them as they strive to educate our students

In this role of support, we hope to see you at many of our sporting events both home and away. Attendance at our events is an honor and a privilege. By attending an athletic event, you agree to:

- Represent your school and your team with honor and dignity
- Support your team with positive encouragement and enthusiasm
- Know and respect the rules of the game
- Treat the opposing team and fans as a guest in our "home"
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials
- Show appreciation for outstanding play from both teams
- Maintain appropriate language at all times
- Remain in the designated area assigned by the host school
- Demonstrate positive appreciation for cheerleaders, spirit squads, pep bands etc.
- Be humble not boastful in victory, gracious not bitter in defeat

These expectations outline the FRCC Sportsmanship Standards for spectators. These expectations are the roadmap to a successful atmosphere for interscholastic athletics.

You can have a major influence on your child's attitude about academics, athletics and sportsmanship. The leadership role you take in sportsmanship will help influence your child and community for years to come.

We look forward to serving you in the year ahead, and appreciate your continued support.

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## **PARENT/GUARDIAN SPORTSMANSHIP PLEDGE**

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The essential elements of character and ethics in sports are embedded in the concept of sportsmanship and its principles, including trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, modesty and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when participation and competition reflects these characteristics.

**The FRCC defines sportsmanship as:**

Respect for all competition stakeholders (officials, opponents, fans) and graciousness in winning and losing.

**FRCC Sportsmanship Mission:**

The FRCC students, parents, staff and community members instill and support the lifelong lessons of fairness, respect and integrity.

It is the goal of the Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC) to bring a greater understanding of good sportsmanship to all stakeholders. These expectations allow for a positive experience for participants and spectators alike, and are of the highest importance. By allowing your child to participate in athletics within the FRCC, you are agreeing to abide by the standards set forth by its members. We ask that you confirm this, by signing the following agreement:

- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the team and league
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other event
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will encourage only positive behaviors from my student-athlete
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will expect my child to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and with effort
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will not question, discuss or confront coaches at a competition. Instead, I will meet with coaching staff at an agreed upon time to provide my feedback and/or voice concerns or extend praise.
- I will demand an environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.