



## Covenant of Catholic Identity & Sportsmanship Overview

As the Saunders Catholic Schools family moves into another exciting year of youth sports, we wanted to give everyone a reminder of how important it is for our parents, fans and students to exemplify good sportsmanship and to be good and supportive role models for our young athletes.

Living our Catholic identity and showing good sportsmanship, whether a by coach, student, fan or a parent, is identified by living our Catholic faith before, during and after all activities and athletic events. This includes:

- + Encouraging our students to perform their best in athletics and activities, just as we would urge them on with their classwork, knowing that others will always turn in better or lesser performances;
- + Participating in positive cheers that encourage our athletes; and discouraging any cheer that is negative;
- + Respecting the rules of the contest and the officials who administer them and their decisions;
- + Respecting the task our coaches face as teachers; and supporting them as they strive live their Catholic faith and educate our youth;
- + Respecting our opponents as students and young athletes, and acknowledging them for striving to do their best;
- + Developing a sense of dignity under all circumstances.

We can have a positive influence on our youth's attitudes about activities, athletics and sportsmanship. The leadership role you take in sportsmanship will help influence our students and our community, for years to come.

Please join the staff, coaches, parents and community members in committing to being great Catholic role models for our youth by encouraging them to do their best, to enjoy their activities and sport and to live their Catholic faith, on and off the athletic field, the court, the competition and the mat.

