



### St. Leonard Athletic Program Overview

The St. Leonard Athletic Program is provided according to Archdiocesan policy and is sponsored by the St. Leonard Holy Name Society. Because of their efforts, we are able to provide the following programs:

Grades Eligible	Program	Practices Begin	Season Runs Through
5 – 8	Coed Cross Country	August	September
4 – 8	Girls' Basketball	September	December
4 – 8	Boys' Basketball	January	March
5 – 8	Cheerleading	January	March
5 – 8	Coed Softball	April	April
4 – 8	Coed Track & Field	March	April

### 2017/2018 Dates to remember

- Tuesday, 11/7: Athletic Open House – Meet the Coaches, Athlete/Parent expectations
- Saturday, 11/18: Basketball Clinic for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- May 14 – 18: St. Leonard Spirit Week
- Sunday, May 20: Sports Banquet, 3 to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, May 12: Running Clinic for PreK – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

### Mission Statement

St. Leonard Parish School's Athletic Program provides formative and instructional sports as an extension of the academic and spiritual life of our school. All participants will learn the fundamentals of each sport and be given the opportunity to develop strong, healthy, disciplined minds and bodies. Participants will be taught a sense of good sportsmanship, fair play and team spirit.

### Communication

Contact the coach, Athletic Director, or Principal Cash with questions or concerns

- Athletic Director contact information: JR Hernandez, jr5tcb@yahoo.com
- Athletic Program Files
  - [Athletic Guidelines – Athlete Code of Conduct](#)  
[insert link to file – [SLS\\_StudentAthleteCodeOfConduct.doc](#) ]
  - [Athletic Guidelines – Coach Code of Conduct](#)  
[insert link to file – [STLS\\_AthleticCoachCodeOfConduct.doc](#)]
  - [Archdiocese Athletic Manual](#)  
[existing link on site]
  - Schedules
- Communication expectations from athletes and parents
  - Express concerns directly to coach in a timely manner
  - Notify coach of scheduling conflicts in advance
  - Notify coach of student illness or injury as soon as possible
- Concerns for parents to discuss with coaches
  - Ways to help student/athlete improve
  - Concerns about student/athlete behavior
  - Treatment of your student/athlete



- Other items must be left to the discretion of the coach
  - Team strategy
  - Issues with game or race officials

### **Fundamentals of Good Sportsmanship**

- Show respect for your opponents, respect for the officials, and respect for your teammates
- Know, understand, and appreciate the rules of the contest
- Understand that the desire to win must not overcome rational behavior
- Recognize and appreciate an opponent's good performance
- Encourage others to be good sports and represent St. Leonard in a positive way

### **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY**

Please refer to and sign our **Student Athlete Code of Conduct** for further details.

- At the end of each week, student eligibility will be determined for the following week.
- A student athlete must maintain a C average (2.0) or they will not be eligible for athletics.
- A student is also ineligible for athletics if they earn a D or F in any subject.
- Any student who is placed on an Academic Action Plan may not participate in St. Leonard Athletics while the plan is in effect.
- Any student that receives a Code Notice may be ineligible for athletics. Removal from extra-curricular and/or school events will be determined by administration on an individual basis.

### **Philosophy**

St. Leonard School focuses on the development of the entire person – the religious, moral, social, academic, and physical aspects of our students. We believe that athletic participation is an important part of student development that helps students develop life-long skills and positive values. These values include leadership, healthy habits, self-discipline, integrity and teamwork. Our program also encourages students to respect rules and participate in all of life's events with dignity and grace.

### **Sportsmanship**

All St. Leonard School athletic activities should be conducted in such a manner that good sportsmanship prevails at all times. It is expected at St. Leonard that every effort is made by students, athletes, coaches and parents to promote good sportsmanship and healthy competition. Unsportsmanlike conduct by any student, athlete, coach or parent may result in consequential action taken by the St. Leonard Athletic Department and/or school administration.

### **Coach Expectations**

St. Leonard School coaches are expected to adhere to our **Athletic Coaches Code of Conduct** and exhibit the highest level of sportsmanship at all St. Leonard practices and athletic events. Coaches are also expected to represent St. Leonard with grace and dignity. Any inappropriate language or behavior exhibited by a coach at an event is subject to review by the Athletic Director.

### **Parent/Student Spectators Expectations**

St. Leonard School parents are expected to exhibit the highest level of sportsmanship at all athletic events. Parents and fans that display unreasonable or unsportsmanlike conduct toward referees, players, and/or other spectators will be asked to leave events.