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I am reaching out today with a message that is both important and heartfelt. Over the past two weeks, the issue of sportsmanship has come to the forefront, reminding us of the values we strive to uphold. We recently have been addressing an incident with another district that was directed towards one of our own players; we have expected the other district to take our concerns seriously. Unfortunately, we have received several reports from visiting communities regarding the nature of our hospitality at sporting events. Specifically, there have been troubling accounts that some of their student-athletes have been treated in undignified ways, including instances of body shaming and bigoted remarks by members of our student section.

As a collective community, we share and embody the values of kindness, tolerance, and good sportsmanship. Unfortunately, when a few isolated actions fall short of those values, it reflects on all of us. That is why it is so important that we approach this moment with a sense of collective responsibility. Together, we must ensure that our words and actions reflect the community we aspire to be—one where every student-athlete, whether from Mascenic or a visiting school, is treated with dignity and respect.

While we are investigating these specific complaints further, we are taking steps to address this matter directly with our students, coaches, and staff, and I ask for your partnership at home in reinforcing these expectations. Tomorrow we will be holding a student assembly to discuss the importance of demonstrating our core values at all times. Mascenic has a proud tradition of school spirit, and I believe we can turn this into an opportunity to show the strength of our character. We must work together to make certain that our stands and sidelines reflect encouragement, pride, and welcome—so that every visitor leaves knowing the true spirit of our community.

Sincerely,

Gregory Pickering
Principal MRHS

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