



Student - Parent Athletic Handbook

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St. Peter Lutheran School Athletics

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Parents & Spectators

(A LETTER FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR)

Dear Parents,

Your support and cooperation are critical if these activities are going to serve in helping our children grow and mature spiritually, mentally, and physically. Your own example is the most effective tool we have in making our St. Peter athletics programs an effective means of teaching Christian living!

Therefore, parents are expected to be responsible for the following areas:

- Discussing with your child the commitment and responsibility that extracurricular athletics requires.
- Remind your child that participation in extracurricular athletics is a privilege, not a right, and that continued diligence in classroom studies is expected.
- Support your child, the coaches, and the team's efforts by attending games as often as possible and setting an example of God-pleasing behavior.
- Excuse your child for any absences. (school, practice, or games)
- Arrange and provide transportation for your child, and assist other team members, if possible, as needed.
- Volunteer to assist with scorekeeping, concessions, and conducting bathroom, hallway, and grounds monitoring as necessary.

Thank you for your support and dedication!

Mrs. Morgan Scheithauer

Introduction

Athletics at St. Peter Lutheran School exists as a part of the Christian training, which finds its purpose in God's Word, where we are commanded to maintain our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit.

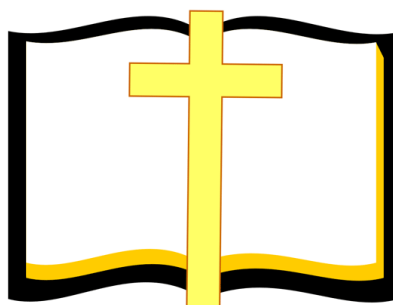
“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Athletics afford students the opportunity to do just that. Being Christian participants, we must also remember that at all times the Christian's life is to be one in which he glorifies God.

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God.”
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

This attitude should be demonstrated by all people involved in our athletic program: players, coaches, parents, and fans, so that above all, God is glorified.

With these thoughts in mind, the purpose of this handbook is to inform and guide all concerned so that our athletic programs are conducted in a consistent, orderly, and God pleasing manner. As a proud member of Fox Valley WELS Athletic League we are also subject to the policies and decisions that govern this organization. We ask that you carefully note and help maintain the following guidelines, as adopted by our administration.



General Objectives

In keeping with the stated philosophy of St. Peter Lutheran School, the athletics program seeks to develop in each of its athletes the following:

1. An appreciation for and an attitude toward developing and maintaining the body that God has so fearfully and wonderfully made.
2. Knowledge of the procedures and skills needed in athletics in a supervised situation.
3. A responsibility and commitment towards teammates, coaches, and school, as well as a concept of cooperation and teamwork.
4. A mastery of athletics so as to create enjoyment and promote physical well-being.
5. A true Christian fellowship based on love and respect for fellow Christians.

Athletic Eligibility

Since a student athlete at St. Peter has been blessed with certain athletic abilities, he/she has been given the opportunity to represent St. Peter Lutheran School, thereby representing his/her Savior. For this reason, as well as the obvious reasons of health and civil law, an athlete must give an extra accountability for his/her actions pertaining to the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs. Therefore, any student athlete found consuming any of the aforementioned substances will relinquish the right to represent St. Peter Lutheran School in that particular sport during which the infraction takes place. If the infraction takes place between sports the student/athlete will relinquish the right to compete in any sport for the next season.

A student athlete's first responsibility is his/her academics. Therefore, the following guidelines will be used to determine a student's eligibility for sports:

1. A student's academic performance and behavior will determine all students' eligibility in extracurricular activities at St. Peter.
2. Grade checks will be done at mid-quarter and end of quarter.
 - a. A student is deemed ineligible if they have 2 Ds in a core class.
 - b. A student is also deemed ineligible if they have an F in a core class.
 - c. Core Classes: Religion (Christlight, Memory work, and Catechism), Math, Reading, English, Spelling, Social Studies, and Science.
 - d. Grades will be run after 14 days from the time deemed ineligible. If the grades are not improved then they will continue being ineligible for another 14 days.
 - e. A student being ineligible means that they will not be able to participate in the sport until their grades are up.

3. Parents of children that have been deemed ineligible will be notified prior to the ineligibility being enforced. The AD will send a letter home and call the parent to let them know the next steps for them and their child. This will all be done on the day that the grades were checked.
4. If a student ends the year with grades that would cause them to be ineligible they will start out the year ineligible until the first grade check.
5. Continued disobedience by students could also relinquish the right to represent St. Peter School in Athletics.
 - a. Look at School Handbook underneath Discipline section
6. Ineligibility for discipline reasons handed out by the administrator, school board, athletic director, or coach to athletic contests that are completed. A forfeit for any reason will not count towards a suspension served.

Sports are a privilege for our students. They are student-athletes and that is why we as a school hold your child to high expectations in order to do extracurricular activities.

Finally, so as not to place anything above our Lord, athletes, who do not attend church on Saturday/Sunday but play in a game on that particular Sunday representing St. Peter, will relinquish the right to represent St. Peter in its next scheduled game.

Commitment

Due to the fact that student/athletes today are involved in a number of different activities, we at St. Peter feel it is necessary to reaffirm a commitment from parents and athletes to our athletic programs. What we are asking is that when two or more events in which a student/athlete is involved take place on the same day, the choice will be to support St. Peter, the school which they are attending.

This commitment will aid the coaches at St. Peter who plan their practices and games expecting their players to be there. Also, this will help the student/athlete and their parents in making any tough decisions that may arise. Obviously there will be circumstances which are unavoidable. What we are trying to avoid, for example, would be choosing between a planned St. Peter contest and a City League, Weyauwega-Fremont, or a Traveling Team event.

Up to this time, we have had very good support for our programs, and we hope to avoid any problems in the future. With a commitment by student/athletes and their parents, who ultimately have the final say, we pray that athletics at St. Peter will be as bright in the future as it has been in the past.

Disciplinary Guidelines

“Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.”

Proverbs 12:1

Our athletes at St. Peter are expected to participate in all scheduled practices and games. However, for various reasons this simply may not be possible. It is important that all students know the consequences of their absences.

An EXCUSED ABSENCE results when a player misses school due to illness, or when the coach is notified prior to a practice or game of a **legitimate** reason for absence. (Absences, excused or unexcused for a period of more than half the day of school will disqualify a student from participating in a practice or a game on that day. Extenuating circumstances must be brought to the principal/athletic director **in advance**.) If a student is ill on game day it is **essential** that the **parent notify the coach** of their child’s absence prior to game time.

An UNEXCUSED ABSENCE results when the coach is not notified in advance of an absence from a practice or game.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS for unexcused absences (as well as excessive excused absences):

- FIRST OFFENSE - The player will sit out a portion of the next game; the coach will determine the amount of time, which should not exceed more than two quarters.
- SECOND OFFENSE - The player will miss the next game.
- THIRD OFFENSE - The player will be dismissed from the team.

Note: In the event that a team cannot be fielded because of the benching of an unexcused player(s), younger players will be used or the game will be forfeited

General Guidelines

FEES & COSTS Athletics at St. Peter Lutheran school are not part of the school and churches budget, and exist as “pay to play” programs. At the beginning of the school year an athletic fee is collected from each family that intends on participating in extracurricular activities. Please contact the school office for this year’s fee. All fees are evaluated on a yearly basis.

SPORTSMANSHIP & BEHAVIOR St. Peter athletes will present themselves as Christian young ladies and gentlemen by their attitude and behavior. This is your opportunity to let your light shine as a child of God so others may give him glory. Our athletes will set an example of good Christian sportsmanship by being courteous to other teams, fans, referees, and by being gracious winners and losers. Christian behavior is expected at all times. Inappropriate behavior

observed during the game both on and off the field or court of play will result in immediate disciplinary action. Consistent and repeated misconduct during practice or games may result in a game suspension and/or dismissal from the team.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE The Christian athlete will desire to glorify God by his/her clothing and manner in which it is worn. Therefore, all athletes will be expected to follow our school's dress code when attending games. Please see our school handbook for a detailed explanation.

TEAM UNIFORMS Soccer, Volleyball, and basketball uniforms are owned by the school. When the coach issues a uniform, it is the responsibility of the player and his or her parents to see to the proper care and cleaning of the uniform. Failure to properly care for the uniform resulting in its ruin will result in that player purchasing the ruined uniform at **replacement cost**. Lost or stolen uniforms will be treated in the same manner. At the end of the season, it is the final responsibility of the player to turn in a clean uniform with a note indicating any "repair" that might be needed on the uniform.

TRANSPORTATION It is the responsibility of the team members and their parents to secure transportation to and from practices and games. Although on occasion, the team and coach may choose to gather at school and travel in a "caravan" to games, this is not the time to make last minute transportation arrangements. Please make plans ahead of time so that no one is left without a ride.

GAME DAY ARRIVAL Teams need to arrive at their designated games at least 25 minutes before game time. Some coaches may require that their members arrive earlier. It is up to the athlete to know when they are expected to arrive. Showing up at a game just at or shortly after game time is NOT acceptable.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE Because sports activities are intended to enhance physical well-being and mental alertness, every effort will be made by the coaches to limit practices to a maximum of two per week during school sessions. All practices will be kept to two hours or less.

GAME SCHEDULE Game schedules are usually handed out at our August registration day, and are subject to change. If a change does occur, parents will be notified of the change with a note from the athletic director, coach, or school office. These notes will be sent home with the student athlete.

SCHOOL ABSENCES Athletes who are not at school by 11:00 A.M. due to illness, injury, or any previously scheduled appointments will not be allowed to participate in any same day after-school extra-curricular activities including practices and games. Athletes who must leave

school due to illness before the normal dismissal time will not be allowed to participate in any same day after-school extra-curricular activities including practices and games.

PRE-SEASON ACTIVITIES Coaches are strongly urged to start each season with a coaches meeting for the players and their parents. This meeting should outline the expectations of parents and players alike for the appropriate season.

POST-SEASON ACTIVITIES Any post-season activities intended to celebrate the teams and players' successes will be held at the coach's discretion, and should be scheduled for optimum parental involvement.

COACHING Our called workers will serve as coaches as their time, interest and/or abilities allow. All other coaching duties will fall to the parents (volunteers) of the students. Coaching at St. Peter Lutheran School is an extension of the education that takes place in the classroom and is guided by the doctrine of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, all volunteer HEAD coaches must adhere to the doctrine, policies and philosophies of St. Peter Lutheran Church & School. All coaching will be under the direction of the athletic director/principal with the approval of the Board of Education.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/PROBLEM Parents and coaches will want to work closely together in the interest of our children. If you find yourself disagreeing with the guidelines found in this handbook, or with a decision that has been made by a coach, the athletic director, or principal; if you feel discontent, slighted, or hurt because of something somebody said, or because of something that happened at school; or if you have been wronged by one of the students, another parent, a coach or another staff member; please deal with it according to our Lord's directive in Matt 18:15-18 and in keeping with the Eighth Commandment:

Speak directly and privately to the person involved.

If the matter is not resolved, go to the coach, athletic director, principal, or pastor.

If the matter is still unresolved, take it to the Board of Education.

Parents are asked to encourage their athletes to follow the same directives. Any problems or disagreements among teammates should be resolved in a Christian manner one on one. If they are unable to accomplish this, then these disagreements should be brought to the attention of the coach(es). It is our intention to display team unity, not dissension, and it is important for all to work together to make each season enjoyable.

DIRECTIONS TO COMPETITOR LOCATIONS In this booklet you will find a list of our competitors and their address. In today's digital world, maps to these destinations may be obtained by entering the address into google maps or a similar app/program.

Fox Valley WELS Athletic League (FWAL)

The Fox Valley WELS League, of which we are a proud and active member, has been formed to promote Christian fellowship and competition in the areas of academics, athletics, and the arts to further strengthen the FVL Federation K-12 concept.

FVWAL Membership

Small School Division

Shepherd of the Valley, Menasha
St. Paul, Green Bay
Neenah Lutheran, Neenah
St. Peter, Weyauwega
Martin Luther, Oshkosh
Bethlehem, Hortonville
Riverview, Appleton



Large School Division

Emanuel, New London
Immanuel, Greenville
Mount Olive, Appleton
St. Mark, Green Bay
St. Peter, Appleton
St. Paul, Appleton

Please note that A-Team Parents are expected to help clean up after each home game.



School Addresses

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Shepherd Of The Valley Lutheran School (N8728 S Coop Rd, Menasha, WI 54952)

St Paul Lutheran Church - WELS (514 S Clay St, Green Bay, WI 54301)

Martin Luther Church and School (1526 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901)

Neenah Lutheran School (410 Oak St, Neenah, WI 54956)

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School - WELS (225 E. Harris St. Appleton, WI 54911)

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran School (126 N Pine St, Hortonville, WI 54944)

Riverview Lutheran Church and School (136 W Seymour St, Appleton, WI 54915)

Emanuel Lutheran Church and School (200 E Quincy St. New London, WI 54961)

Fox Valley Lutheran High School (5300 N Meade St, Appleton, WI 54913)

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School - LCMS (750 Depot St. Manawa, WI 54949)



Athletic Opportunities

Soccer	Grades 4-8	Co-ed	Sept-Oct
Volleyball	Grades 3-6	Girls B-Team	Sept-Oct
	Grades 6-8	Girls A-Team	Sept-Oct
Basketball	Grades 3-6	Boys & Girls B-Team	Nov-Feb
	Grades 6-8	Boys & Girls A-Team	Nov-Feb
Softball	Grades 6-8	Co-ed	Apr-May
Track N' Field	Grades 5-8	Co-ed	Apr-May

Please Keep This Booklet as a Reference