



2023-2024 St. Patrick School Athlete / Parent Contract

*SPORT:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 sport seasons at St. Patrick School. This contract contains all of the information you will need during your child's sport's season. Should you have further questions, please reach out to your child's coach or Mrs. Holly Gardner, St. Patrick School's Athletic Director.

* Head Coach:

* Assistant Coach:

* Games & Practices

You will receive a schedule containing all practice and game dates. Please follow the schedule and check the google doc link. Any schedule changes that may come up will be communicated immediately.

* Communication

The head coach for each sport has instituted a direct way to communicate with you and this system allows for you to communicate with them. Your child's coach will reach out to parents directly with instructions on how to use their method of communication.

* Parent Volunteerism for SPS Sports Programs

Parents are **REQUIRED** to volunteer during home games. There will be a Google Forms sign-up link for tasks for each home game. There are tasks such as running the Admissions Table, Concessions Stand, and keeping the Scorebook. Anyone who does not sign up for those things **IS REQUIRED** to help with set up and clean up. This includes moving tables, setting up or taking down the volleyball net, sweeping, putting away chairs & bleachers etc. This requirement is stated in the Athletic Handbook, and it is extremely helpful to the coaches and athletes.

**If you cannot commit to volunteering at least 2-3 times (depending on the number of home games we have) you will be charged \$35 on your FACTS account.*

- *It is vitally important that parents be on time for picking up their students from practice or a game.*

* Uniforms

- **Cross Country & Track:** Athlete must purchase the SPS shirt and shorts
- **Girls & Boys Volleyball:** Athlete must purchase the SPS shirt / Knee pads & Black Athletic shorts (NO Spanx) is purchased separately.
- **Girls & Boys Basketball:** SPS uniform is provided. **NOTE:** There is \$159 charge for any lost or destroyed uniform.
- **Cheerleading:** SPS uniform is provided. **NOTE:** There is \$100 charge for any lost or destroyed uniform.

A good athletic sneaker that provides good support (no flat bottom shoes please) are required. Spikes are optional for CC & Track. We are also asking that the players wear a different pair of shoes into the gym and then change into the shoes they will play in. This keeps the gym floor clean and safe.

✿ Attendance, Academics, and Behavior

Attendance at practice and games is mandatory. Practice is imperative to improving skills. If you have an unexcused absence from **practice the day before a game, you will not play in the game.** It is difficult to be successful as a team if we are not able to practice as a team. **If you are absent from school for more than half of the day, you cannot participate in practice or a game on that particular school day.** If you know you will be absent from a game or practice please have a parent write a note, call, or send an email/message to your coach excusing you from participating. **Three unexcused absences will result in removal from the team.**

All St. Patrick School students are Student / Athletes with the emphasis on student first. An athlete's grades at school are important. **You need to stay above 69% in any one subject. A grade of 69% or lower will make you ineligible, which means you cannot attend or participate in any practices or games for one week. Announcements are made on Friday. The week of ineligibility begins on Monday and ends on Sunday. Ineligibilities are announced every two weeks.**

Your behavior is important during school, at practice, and at games. Poor sportsmanship and subordinate behavior can result in being removed from the team. Should an athlete received 3 detentions within one trimester, this could be cause for in-school or out-of-school suspension depending on the infractions. This would result in the removal of the athlete from the team he or she is currently participating in.

✿ Playing Time

Every eligible athlete dressed for a game will participate in the game including tournaments.

- 5/6 Grade must have equal playing time for the athletes throughout the season including tournaments.
- 7/8 Grade athletes will play a minimum of:
 - Volleyball – 1 game of a match
 - Basketball - 1 quarter
- Participation in Track events is dependent upon the number of athletes and the number of events at the meet.

I you have thoroughly read this contract, you have discussed this with your child and you are in agreement with its content, please sign below. Your student athlete must also sign. This contract must be returned to your child's coach or SPS Athletic Director before your child can participate in the sport of his or her choice.

Student Name

Student Athlete Signature

Date

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date