

## St. Thomas More Athletic Overview

### I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the athletic program at St. Thomas More School is to supplement the spiritual and academic curriculum of the school. The St. Thomas More Athletic program enhances the physical development of the students and promotes a sense of school spirit, pride and unity.

It is the policy of the St. Thomas More School and Athletic Board that, in case of a conflict, priority is given to school activities over sport activities.

### II. PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents are the heart and soul of the athletic program at St. Thomas More and they provide the manpower and support needed for a successful program. Parents of participating students are often asked to assist in various ways including, but not limited to, coaching, scoring, judging and concession stand/gate duty. It is required that parents volunteer their time in order for their child(ren) to play a specific sport.

SIGN-UP for each sport has a deadline and registrations will not be accepted after the deadline date. The dates for sign-ups are published in the school newsletter and parish bulletin.

It is important that you see to it that your participating children regularly attend practice sessions set by the team coach. Attendance at practice may impact playing time for the child for some sports.

Parents can be of great help in the care of student uniforms. These uniforms are provided for the child to wear in games only, not to practices or for normal play purposes. Please observe laundry instructions attached to the uniforms. It is vital that the uniforms be returned promptly at the season's end. All uniforms are to be properly cleaned and returned to the child's coach after the final game of the season, with the exception of the uniforms used for tackle football, which are to be turned in at the school during the week following the final game of the season. Uniforms may not be used for games/leagues outside of the regular Parochial League schedule. Uniforms, which are not turned in, must be paid for at the replacement cost of the uniform. The parents are responsible to see that if their child does not attend school on any day, then that child is not allowed to participate in practices or games on that same day. Special circumstances shall be presented to the School Principal for any waiver of this rule.

It is important to remember that the child's coach is in charge of the team during all practices and games. Parents are not to interfere with the coach at these times. During games, especially, parents are to refrain from entering the team area. The coach is not available to answer questions or to take suggestions at this time. Should a parent wish to visit with a coach, it is necessary to make an appointment at a time outside the game. Parents are expected to be good fans at the games. Parents are encouraged to cheer the St. Thomas More teams in an enthusiastic manner and in a spirit of positive and Christian sportsmanship. Our teams and coaches should know we are 100% supportive of their work.