

Letter to Parents

Parents are a vital part of our Northwest Soccer Family. Without their commitment to the soccer program, our success would not be possible. As children proceed into the high school program, parents' roles change as their children mature. Parents need to take a supportive role in the soccer program. They need to support the coaches and most of all, support their child. Parents need to encourage their child to come and talk to the coach if they are having a problem with something. If the problem is not resolved, then a meeting can be set up with the player, parents, coach, and athletic director. Parents must remember that the coach must keep in mind the best interests of the team, and most of all, the program.

Parents should also represent Northwest in a positive way as fans. Parents should refrain from yelling at officials, players, and coaches. Parents should understand that we will have bad officials. We will have officials call fouls when nothing happens and we will have officials not call something that was blatantly obvious. We understand this will happen and we also understand that we do not need "a call" to win the game. Yelling at officials only breeds negativity and causes players to lose focus on what we are trying to accomplish.

Parents should be supportive of all Northwest players and coaches. No one player is responsible for winning or losing a game. Badmouthing players or coaches whether in public, online, or in the privacy of your own home undermines the positive culture and sense of "Family" that we are trying to develop.

It is important that you know that we will try to teach your child more than soccer. We are a coaching staff that believes that in order to be a good team, the team needs good people. We want high character athletes. We want athletes who understand the importance of honesty, integrity, perseverance, hard work, and discipline. We all want to win a championship, but if a championship is all this team accomplishes, we will have failed.

Thank you for your support,

Dave Willis
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