

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Huron Valley Lutheran High School, in partnership with families and Association churches, exists to provide each student with a quality Christ-centered education preparing them for lives of service now and for eternity.*

## PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

Huron Valley Lutheran High School encourages students to use their God given talents and abilities outside the regular classroom setting in athletic activities.

Athletics is a vital part of the educational process of many students at HVLHS.

Athletics exist to give a unique opportunity to teach and train students using God's word through athletic competition always keeping in mind I Corinthians 10:31 *"So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* Therefore, our purpose is to train student athletes to handle themselves during competition using good Christian sportsmanship throughout their high school years and then applying those actions to living a Christian life.

## ATHLETICS VISION STATEMENT

Huron Valley Lutheran High School athletics strive to provide the highest quality teaching and learning experience for coaches, student-athletes, parents, and anyone involved.

Continued growth and maintenance in the areas of education, technology, and facilities will provide a safe and memorable experience. Always keeping God's Word as the basis for all we do.

## AHLETIC DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES

The following is a list of objectives that the Huron Valley Lutheran Athletic Department strives to foster in student-athletes. Each student-athlete will:

1. provide a positive Christian image and witness in practice, competition, and in the community on and off the fields and courts.
2. be challenged with opportunities for physical, mental, emotional, and social (sportsmanship) development as a Christian on and off the fields and courts.
3. experience group concepts such as team play, loyalty, sacrifice, hard work, fair play, common goals, and fulfilling individual roles through competition and play from the perspective of a Christian on and off the fields and courts.
4. practice self-discipline along with social and emotional maturity as a Christian during competition and pressure situations on and off the fields and courts.
5. develop a sense of Christian pride and spirit for the school on and off the fields and courts.
6. create a desire for physical fitness and development now and for the future.
7. develop a level of leadership qualities and skills, with respect to God-given abilities on and off the fields and courts.

# HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS



## GUIDE FOR PARENT-COACH COMMUNICATION

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## **COMMUNICATION YOU CAN EXPECT FROM YOUR COACH**

- ❖ Team requirements such as special equipment or team clothing beyond school issued uniforms
- ❖ Clear communication should your child be injured during participation
- ❖ Discipline that may result in denial of participation from games or practices

## **COMMUNICATION COACHES EXPECT FROM PARENTS**

- ❖ Concerns expressed directly to the coach at the appropriate time
- ❖ Notification of schedule conflicts as soon as they are known

## **COMMUNICATION YOUR CHILD CAN EXPECT FROM YOUR COACH**

- ❖ Philosophy of the coach
- ❖ Expectations for the team and your child

Participation in athletics can generate some of the most exciting and memorable times in a student's high school career. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

If a situation arises where there is a concern between a coach and player/parent, please follow the example given to us in Matthew 18:15-18.

1. Talk to them yourself.
2. Talk to them with someone else who has the same concern.
3. Talk to the Athletic Director.
4. Talk to the Athletic Director and Principal.

Each coach may have different times when they are able to meet. However, please use the general guidelines for setting up a time to meet.

- ❖ Please refrain from dropping in and expecting an immediate meeting. Please schedule a time.
- ❖ Please refrain from confronting a coach before and after games.
- ❖ Depending on the coach, before and after practice may or may not be appropriate times to meet.

## **HVLHS COACHES ARE VOLUNTEERS**

Please be aware that all HVLHS coaches are volunteer coaches. This means they are not compensated for their role as a coach. HVLHS coaches coach for the love of the sport they coach and more importantly to give back to your child the many benefits they received when they played the sport which includes a Christian environment. When meeting with a coach, please refrain from using foul or inappropriate language. Please use calm and an adult tone when speaking with them and be sure to thank them for their time that they spend teaching and helping your child.

As parents, we want our child to succeed. It is often very difficult to accept your child not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches spend countless hours outside the game making decisions for the benefit of the entire team. They are the expert and professional for their particular team. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all involved. While clear communication is the ultimate goal for the parent-coach relationship, there are appropriate and inappropriate things that may be discussed with your child's coach. Certain things must be left to the coach's discretion.

## **EXAMPLES OF APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO EXPRESS WITH THE COACH**

- ❖ Treatment of your child mentally or physically.
- ❖ Ways to help your child improve.
- ❖ Academic support and realistic college opportunities.

## **EXAMPLES OF INAPPROPRIATE DISCUSSION TOPICS WITH THE COACH**

- ❖ Playing time
- ❖ Team strategy
- ❖ Play calling
- ❖ Other student athletes