

**St. John's Lutheran School**  
**Marysville, OH**  
**Athletic Handbook**  
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Philosophy of Athletics

School interscholastic athletics are an extension of the classroom. Courts, fields, courses, and tracks are a mere environmental change that still maintains the goal of education. All dedicated and eligible athletes deserve the opportunity to experience such educational athletics.

St. John's Lutheran School engages in athletics to accomplish the following:

- ❖ Further develop technically correct physical skills.
- ❖ Promote Christian sportsmanship and fellowship among all concerned (teammates, opponents, referees, coaches, fans, etc.).
- ❖ Promote respect for and acceptance of authority.
- ❖ Promote cooperation with other individuals in a team effort.
- ❖ Perseverance through time and team commitments.
- ❖ To enjoy participation in athletics now and in the future.
- ❖ To learn self-control in emotional situations.
- ❖ To learn appropriate acceptance of victory and defeat.

Information and Policies

1. Conference: Central Ohio Athletic League (C.O.A.L)

Columbus School for Girls	Columbus, Ohio
Columbus Torah Academy	Columbus, Ohio
Cypress Christian School ^ * ~	Galloway, Ohio
Genoa Christian Academy *	Westerville, Ohio
Granville Christian Academy	Granville, Ohio
Liberty Christian Academy	Columbus, Ohio
Village Academy ^ * ~	Powell, Ohio
Wellington School ^ ~	Columbus, Ohio

^ indicates schools in our soccer division  
~ indicates school in our basketball division

\* indicates schools in our volleyball division  
Games are also played against other schools.

2. Sports (Grades\* & Season):

Co-ed Soccer (6-8 Fall)	Girls Volleyball (7-8 Fall)
Co-ed Club Golf (5-8 Fall)	Boys Basketball (7-8 Winter)
Girls Basketball (7-8 Winter)	Girls Cheerleading (7-8 Winter)
Co-ed Track (7-8 Spring)	

\* Grade Guidelines are subject to change based on size of roster

### 3. Academic Eligibility:

St. John's Lutheran School believes that school work must precede sports. In order to remain eligible to participate in interscholastic contests, student athletes must be passing at least 75% of his or her GPA classes in the immediately preceding grading period. A grading period constitutes both midterms and quarter grades. If a student becomes ineligible, he or she will not be allowed to participate in any interscholastic contests or practices. Eligibility will be reevaluated after a two week period.

#### Example One

Religion	B
Reading	A
Language	C
Spelling	D
Social Studies	A
Mathematics	F
Science	C

#### Example Two

Religion	B
Reading	A
Language	C
Spelling	F
Social Studies	A
Mathematics	F
Science	C

1 failing and 5 passing = 83% of classes are passing

2 failing and 4 passing = 67% of classes are passing

### 4. School Cancellations:

When school is canceled due to fog, snow, power outage, etc. all athletic practices and home games will be cancelled as well. Away games scheduled for that day will depend on the opponent. Parents may call in to the office no earlier than noon to find out whether the game will still be held.

### 5. School Absence:

An absence from school for more than a half day means a student athlete cannot participate in any interscholastic contest on that same day.

### 6. Attendance at Practices and Games:

Student athletes are expected to be at all practices and games. If a situation arises where participation at practice or games is not possible, the parent is responsible for reporting the absence to the coach and/or athletic director. Should excessive absences occur the coach/athletic director may deem the student athlete ineligible for the next scheduled competition. The student would still be expected to be present at the competition so as to support his or her teammates.

## 7. Transportation:

Due to liability concerns and administrative difficulties, St. John's Lutheran School will not be responsible for arranging transportation of any sort for away games. If the athletic director, coaches, teachers, or any other organization of the school choose to accept passengers to games, they are acting as individuals not connected to St. John's in any way.

For stewardship and environmental concerns, St. John's encourages car pooling. However, before a student may travel with another parent, a current written document must be on file with the school secretary or athletic director. Parents transporting students to a game are also responsible for transportation home from the game.

## 8. Doctor's Physical and Handbook Agreement Forms:

Each athlete will need to have a physical form signed by a physician prior to participating in any athletic practice or game associated with St. John's. Be aware that students without completed and current physical forms will forfeit their right to participate.

A form indicating your intent to follow school policies can be found at the end of this handbook. This form must also be turned into the athletic director or coach before participation in athletics.

## 9. The Student Athlete's Responsibilities:

- ❖ As ambassadors for our Lord, always maintain a Christ-like attitude.
- ❖ Remain academically eligible.
- ❖ Display good sportsmanship and respect at all times.
- ❖ Follow the coach's and official's instructions without complaint or argument.
- ❖ Be courteous to fellow athletes, as well as to coaches, athletes, and fans from other schools.
- ❖ Attend all practices and games. Missing practices for **excused** or unexcused reasons means you will play proportionately less in interscholastic contests. Coaches will use their discretion in this area.
- ❖ Understand that playing time will not be equal but will be equitable. Trust that the coach has your education and enjoyment of the game in mind. Playing time is not guaranteed in tournament play.
- ❖ Treat your uniform with utmost care as it is not your property.
- ❖ Return your school-issued uniform within one week following the conclusion of the season.
- ❖ On game days, wear clothes considerably more dressy than the rest of the school. This is a great way of alerting the school to the fact that you are on a team that will be representing St. John's in a contest later that day.

## 10. Parent Responsibilities:

- ❖ Support your child, school, coach, and team. Practice good sportsmanship. Enthusiastically support teams at athletic events without being over-zealous or critical of coaches and officials. Recognize and appreciate outstanding plays by either team. Use neither profane or obscene language, nor verbal assault.
- ❖ Arrange to have your child dropped off no more than 10 minutes before a scheduled practice, and picked up no more than 10 minutes after the practice is scheduled to end. Please also be prompt in picking up your child after games.
- ❖ Parents are expected to participate in transportation, working concessions, and other aspects to make the sports program successful.
- ❖ In general, the parent must exemplify everything positive that he/she wants the student athlete to be, if the student athletic program is to be successful.

## 11. All League Award:

The C.O.A.L. recognizes one or more athletes from each sports team who clearly shows Christian sportsmanship and leadership. These athletes will be appointed by their peers through a secret vote. The coach and athletic director also have a say in this nomination process.

### Guidelines for Coaches

**Given:** Extra-curricular athletics are sponsored by St. John's Lutheran School as part of and as an extension of the school's educational program. Therefore, they are educational-athletics. The coach is the team's teacher, authority, and disciplinarian. The coach balances praise of the student athlete with constructive criticism of the student athlete. The athlete is a student of the game and behaves as one striving to learn the game.

**Therefore,** all coaches and student athletes accept the following assumptions:

1. The athletic program is a Christian athletic program. Coaches and student athletes strive to perform to God's glory and to the best of their abilities. Coaches know that they are ambassadors for Christ, and as such, conduct themselves in a proper manner when dealing with athletes, parents, and fans. They model good sportsmanship and set a good example for players and spectators. This behavior includes the following attitudes/actions:
  - A. Displaying a continuous love of Christ at all times
  - B. Initiate team prayer before competitions
  - C. Fostering positive and open communication with parents
  - D. Following officials' instructions without complaint or argument
2. Commitment to the team, discipline, and sportsmanship are integral parts of the program. Respect for the student athlete's abilities should be displayed at all times.
3. Remember – Winning is a goal but not the ultimate goal.
4. A coach or an appointed adult needs to remain with the student athletes until all have been picked up.

## Athletic Boosters

The athletic boosters are comprised of family and friends of St. John's Lutheran School and its athletes. It thrives on volunteerism. Please contact the Athletic Director and/or watch out for announcements of booster meetings if you are interested in supporting our programs through your time and talents.

The boosters are responsible for many things. They host all home games via decorations, concessions, set up, clean up, and collecting gate money. They organize and facilitate fundraisers to provide the necessary monies needed to run an athletic ministry. They organize and facilitate any special events surrounding game days or award nights. They brainstorm to come up with new promotional ideas, festive events, or anything that could encourage growth of our athletic program.

For these and all the other innumerable ways the boosters provides for St. John's Lutheran School Athletics, we thank you very much.

## **Directions to Opponent's Facilities**

2009 – 2010 seasons

### Calvary Christian at Adriel School

414 N. Detroit  
West Liberty, Ohio

Take 245 to West Liberty. Turn right on Route 68. Head north through town and pass through two lights. Detroit Street splits off to the left of Route 68. Take Detroit Street up an initial hill to the Adriel School parking lot on left.

### Columbus School for Girls

56 S. Columbia Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43209

Take 270 East to 71 South. Exit on 108b to East Broad St. Turn left onto East Broad. Follow along east until you reach Columbia. Turn Right on Columbia. Park in the front lot of the school or along Columbia Ave.

### Columbus Torah Academy

181 Noe Bixby Rd  
Columbus, Ohio 43213

Take 270 East and travel for more than 20 miles. Use Exit 41A to enter onto Main Street or highway 40 heading West. Take a right onto Noe Bixby Rd. The school will be on the right.

### Cypress Christian School

377 Alton & Darby Creek Rd.  
Galloway, Ohio 43119

Take 270 South to Exit 8 onto 70 West. Travel two miles and take exit 91A onto Hilliard-Rome Road South. Travel less than a mile and make a right onto Feder Rd. Once you have traveled a little over a mile watch for your left turn onto Alton & Darby Creek Road.

### Delaware Christian School

45 Belle Ave  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Volleyball: Take Scottslawn/Watkins to 42. Turn left on 42. Continue on it for about 8 miles until it ends at a local road. Turn left on local road. Turn right on Sandusky. Turn left on Belle.

Soccer: Take Scottslawn/Watkins to 42. Turn left on 42. Turn Right on Slack Rd. Turn left on Liberty. Fields will be on your right.

### Genoa Christian Academy

7562 Lewis Center Rd.  
Westerville, Ohio 43082

Take 270 East to I-71N towards Cleveland. Take the Polaris Parkway exit and turn right onto Polaris Parkway. Turn left onto Worthington Rd. Turn right onto Lewis Center Road. The school is on the right.

### Granville Christian Academy

1820 Newark-Granville Rd.  
Granville, Ohio 43023

Take 270 East for 13 miles. Use Exit #30 to travel east on Worthington OH 161 towards New Albany. OH 161 may interchange names with OH 16E and OH 37E. Just make sure you do not exit until you are left on Cherry Valley Road North. Turn left or west onto Newark-Granville Road (CR-539). The school is about a half mile down.

### Liberty Christian Academy

4938 Beatrice Drive  
Columbus, Ohio 43227

Take 270 East and travel for more than 20 miles. Take exit 41A onto Main Street heading west. Turn left onto Manfield. Turn left onto Beatrice Drive.

### Shekinah Christian Academy

10040 Lafayette-Plain City Rd.  
Plain City, Ohio 43064

Directions: Take Robinson Road. Make a right on Cross Road. Then turn left on Middleburg-Plain City Road. Continue on Middleburg-PC Road. It will cross over 161 and become Lafayette-Plain City Road. School is on the right.

### Tree of Life

935 Northridge Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43224

Directions: take 33 to 270 East to 71 South Exit 116. Turn left on Sinclair Road. Turn left on Morse Road. Turn right on Maize Road. Turn right on Northridge Road. Go past a few houses & you will see the school on the left. Go around the block to get to gym or field.

Village Christian Academy

284 S. Liberty Street  
Powell, Ohio 43065

Directions: Take 33 East to 270 East to Sawmill Road exit. Turn left onto Sawmill Road. Turn right on Summit View Road. Turn left on Smokey Row Road, which becomes Liberty Street. The school will be on your right.

Wellington School:

3650 Reed Road  
Columbus, OH 43204

Take 33 East. Cross 270 into Dublin & stay on 33. Follow 33 along the river. Turn left on Fishinger Road. Turn left on Reed Road. School is on right about 200 yards.