

Dear Parents of Athletes,

Here at St. Cajetan we are extremely proud of the character and standards of our Athletic Department. We also understand that in order for our student-athletes to be successful in their athletic careers, academics must be always come first and foremost. We are proud of the direction our school is headed and we want to make sure we continue to keep our academic and athletic expectations high. In order to do that, we will be implementing the following policy for our student athletes effective immediately.

The staff at St. Cajetan has met extensively to assure that we are supporting our student athletes to the best of our abilities. Please see below for measures that will be taken at the school level to prevent any of our athletes from being excluded from athletic events;

- All 3rd- 8th grade teachers have an open time period before and after school to meet with students if they need additional assistance.
- Jr. High has a 20 minute advisory period built in their schedule each day. During this time, the student will check their PowerSchool account to make sure they have accurate updates on grades and also have time built in to visit teachers that they need extra assistance with.
- Jr. High Math tutoring takes place every Tuesday after school with Mr. Coffey and Ms. Sheeran.
- NJHS will soon begin tutoring 2 days a week. The start date will be published in Nitsche's News.
- Homework assignments will always be posted on the St. Cajetan website (St. Cajetan Jr. High Homework calendar for older kids).
- Homework is posted in the classroom each night if the students prefer to write it down in a homework journal.
- PowerSchool has a feature that will send weekly grade updates directly to parent's phones so you have the most up to date information.
- Grades will be updated every two weeks by the teachers.

Policy:

A student must maintain an average grade of "C-" or above in all subject areas during the season of the sport. If at any time a student receives an average of "D" or below, he/she will be placed on academic probation and will not be allowed to practice or play in the sport until the grade average is brought up. The student will have the week of the suspension and the following week to do this. Student-athlete grade averages will be monitored by the faculty every other Monday, and notification of academic probation will be sent to the principal and forwarded to the respective coach and coordinator. Children who have an IEP or ICEP will be held to the same standards since accommodations and modifications are being made in the classroom on a daily basis.

An athlete who was absent from school due to illness is not allowed to attend practice or play in a game on that given day. Absence from school on a Friday should not affect Saturday or Sunday participation if the athlete has recovered sufficiently to play.

Any child with an in-school or out of school suspension for behavior will be suspended for the same allotment of time.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nitsche