



# Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District

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To the Families of the Varsity Football Team,

As part of our commitment to building safe, healthy climates to nurture student well-being, we expect all those attending our sporting events to follow the Code of Conduct. This letter is to inform you that there will be consequences if those expectations are not followed.

On Saturday, September 17, during the football game with Hannibal, there was foul language, name calling, and arguing with the officials, coaches, and other fans in the stands. These behaviors do not result in building safe, healthy climates to nurture student well-being. Furthermore, they are a direct violation of our Code of Conduct and will not be tolerated.

As a result of this behavior, we will have fans sit on the press box side of the field for the remainder of the season. Both the home team and visiting team will be sitting across the field. At no time should a spectator come onto the playing field or cross over the field to the players' side. Any swearing, arguing, unsportsmanlike behavior, and name calling will be addressed immediately, resulting in the spectator possibly being ejected from the game for up to the remainder of the season. If you hear or see any type of inappropriate behavior, please report it to the site personnel. Please do not engage other spectators.

If we get into a situation where large groups of spectators are yelling, swearing, and engaging in any inappropriate behavior, then the game will be canceled at that time and not made up.

Parents are role models for student-athletes. They should lead by example. As coaches and school administrators, we do not necessarily agree with the calls that officials are making on the field or court. However, we respectfully follow this protocol:

- Coaches can question officials and get an explanation of a call.
- Coaches and administrators can evaluate officials.
- Parents who disagree with officials can voice their opinions in an appropriate manner **24 hours after the game** with an email or a phone call to the Athletic Director.
- Parents who have an issue with a coach can voice their opinion in an appropriate manner **24 hours after the game** with an email or a phone call to the Athletic Director.

If anyone would like to discuss this issue, I can be reached at 315-625-5232. Thanks for your cooperation!

Sincerely,  
George F. Emrich

cc: Dr. Naomi Ryfun, Superintendent of Schools