

## **Bishop Leonard Saint Mary of the Mount Athletics**

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Dear Families of BLSMMA,

We are very excited to have your child participate in our athletic program for this coming season. BLSMMA is very proud of our athletic tradition and we are committed to excellence in all aspects of our students. Athletics is an integral part of the educational experience

Parents are an important part of our athletic programs. I encourage you to communicate to your child's coach if you have any concerns about the safety or ethical conduct of our program. In the interest of helping our students make the most of the athletic experience, we do ask that parents not become involved in sport specific matters, such as playing time and strategy, with the coaches. Rather, we strongly recommend that such discussions, if necessary, take place between the coach and player.

We are also encouraging our parents to support the programs with a positive attitude. It is important that we raise the level of sportsmanship among our spectators. Our campaign this year is to "Be Proud, Be Positive" and we are asking our fans to follow the principal of good sportsmanship:

- ▶ Cheer *for* your team....not against the visitors
- ▶ Do not get personal in your comments about players, coaches or officials
- ▶ Please, no profanity, vulgarity or negative comments
- ▶ Give players, coaches and officials your respect
- ▶ Do not call your child over during half-time and "coach them from the sidelines"
- ▶ Represent our school as a proud parent and your child will follow your lead!

We hope we can count on you and your support. If you experience a fan violating the spirit of our program, please inform one of the on-site athletic officers and it will be addressed immediately.

Thank you,  
Faculty, Staff and Athletic Officers of BLSMMA.