

## First Baptist Christian School Parents' Covenant



At First Baptist Christian School we believe that parents are the most important teachers in a student's life. As such, Jesus' words take on powerful significance - "The disciple is not above his master: but that everyone that is perfect shall be as his master." (Luke 6:40.)

By God's grace, I covenant to provide a positive role model for my student athlete and to represent my Lord and school well by demonstrating in my own life the following:

**Respect** – I will respect the roles that individuals play in an athletic contest. Problems often surface when any one of these individuals assumes a role not their own.

- **Players play** – Players are not perfect – they will make mistakes. I will be careful to provide positive encouragement to all athletes to do their best. I will avoid making disparaging remarks toward players on either team. I will cheer my own team, not jeer the opponent.
- **Coaches coach** – Coaches have a difficult job. In every game, coaches have to make tough decisions that they hope will make their team succeed. These decisions are often made under difficult or trying circumstances. I understand that the coach has the right to make decisions concerning strategy and playing time within the guidelines provided by FBCS. I may not agree with a coach's decision, but I respect his/her right to make that decision. If I feel a need to address a concern with a coach, I will do so away from the game and the players.
- **Officials officiate** – I understand that officials work hard to administer the rules of the game ... value their role in the game. When an official makes a call, whether I agree with the call or not, I will accept it, respect it, and move on. I will avoid outbursts of anger directed toward officials.
- **Fans encourage** – I understand that my primary role at an athletic contest is to provide positive encouragement and support for the student athletes.

**Self Control** - By their nature, athletics encourage strong emotional involvement for the fanatic – the long form of the word "fan". I will be sure to direct my emotions into positive support for my student/athlete and the FBCS team. At no time will I direct an angry response (either by word or action) toward an official, a coach, a player, or other fans.

**Enthusiasm** – I will enthusiastically support the student athletes at FBCS by attending their games, providing positive support for their efforts, cheering for their victories and encouraging them in defeat.

By signing below, I agree, by God's grace, to fulfill the terms of this parent agreement. I acknowledge that I have read the FBCS Athletic Handbook. If at any time it becomes apparent that my attitudes or actions are at odds with this covenant, I expect to be held accountable by the FBCS administration in the spirit of Matthew 18 and agree to submit to their counsel.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_