

Saint Anne offers various school-sponsored extra-curricular athletics. Athletics commonly require time after-school and on weekends for practices, games, and tournaments. A variety of sports offered including are Co-Ed Soccer, Boys' and Girls' Cross Country, Girls' Volleyball, and Six Man Football in the Fall; Boys' and Girls' Basketball in the Winter; Boys' and Girls' Track and Field, Baseball, and Softball in the Spring. Students in grades fifth through eighth may participate on any team with the exception of Six Man Football, Baseball and Softball. Those teams are reserved to grades sixth through eighth. There is no guarantee a sport will be offered if there is not enough student participation to make a full team. Varsity and Junior Varsity team membership is determined by try-outs in most sports. C-Team membership shall compete and participate as developmental. Coaches of a particular sport will determine the selection process, evaluate students and select team members. The Saint Anne Catholic Athletic Program is governed by the Principal, Athletic Director, and Volunteer Coaching Staff. Saint Anne is a member of the Greater Houston Catholic Athletic Association. (GHCAA)

The GHCAA strives to help students strengthen their athletic skills; it is designed to foster a sense of respect and self-esteem through teamwork and good sportsmanship in support of the school's mission of educating the whole student. Saint Anne abides by all rules and regulations set forth by GHCAA. All affiliate schools agree to the following goals:

- To Build a community which strives to image Christ
- To Develop Christian Spirit, school spirit, team spirit, and personal acceptance
- To Instil Christian Sportsmanship in the life-styles of the participants
- To Teach the participants the proper attitude towards winning, losing, and competing with dignity
- To Develop an acceptance and appreciation of others
- To Train and instruct in athletic rules
- To Develop the students physical abilities and coordination
- To Help form well-rounded students by fostering good health habits
- To Provide a Christian environment and outlet for youthful energy
- To Teach the positive value of athletic participation
- To Show the necessity of practice, school work, and management of time

These goals are founded upon the principle of the infinite worth of each person because he/she is created in the image and likeness of God.

Once selected to play on a team, Saint Anne Catholic School requires every athlete in grades fifth through eighth to have the following forms on file in the athletic office. A **Physical Form/Medical Emergency Form** every twelve month calendar and will recognize physicals take from of one school year to the end of the following school year. No student will be allowed to compete without a **Physical Form/Medical Emergency Form** on file before the start of their respective sport season. A **Statement of Caution Form** is designated to provide the school with the degree of protection. It is not designed to deny the rights of an injured athlete. As a condition to participation in any athletic activities, athlete and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must understand the risks involved in athletic activities. Saint Anne Catholic School does not provide transportation but relies on team parents to transport their own child or allow another team parent to transport their child to and from games. A **Sports Transportation Form** must be on file in the Athletic Office. All drivers must have proof of insurance and a copy of a valid Driver's License on file in the School Office. All children are to have their own individual seat belts and must be belted in their seats. The Athletic Uniform is the property of Saint Anne Catholic School and is being lent for use during the season of play. Although

normal wear is expected during the use of the uniform, damage to the uniform will be the responsibility of the athlete and parent to whom the uniform is assigned. All Forms may be found on the Saint Anne Catholic School Website under the Athletics tab. Finally, Saint Anne Catholic School charges each athlete a fee of **\$125.00** per sport. This fee is used to defray the cost of Game Officials, Tournament/Track Fees, Equipment and Court/Field Maintenance and replacement of Uniforms. Payment must be submitted through **FACTS** at the beginning of each sport.

Extra-curricular Eligibility—Grades Five-Eight

The following guidelines will assist students and parents/guardians in recognizing and accepting academic work as a primary responsibility. National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) has its own standards, thus the group does not fall under this policy.

- **Minimum standard for participation** – in order to participate in good standing, a student must maintain minimum grades of 69 and S (Satisfactory) in both academic classes and conduct.
- **Eligibility warning** – when progress reports are issued, any student failing to meet the minimum standard above, will have one (1) week to resolve the grade/conduct issue to remain eligible.
- **Ineligibility** – if the failure issues are not resolved following the warning period, a student will become ineligible to participate for a two (2) week probationary period. During the two-weeks, an ineligible student is not allowed to participate in any practices, games, meets, or other school sponsored extracurricular activities.
- **Follow-up grade check** – at the end of probationary period, if the failure issue(s) has not been resolved, the student will remain ineligible until the end of the trimester period. If the failure issue(s) is resolved, then the student may return to full participation.
- **Trimester** – regardless of previous eligibility or ineligibility, failure to meet the minimum standard indicated above on the trimester grade report, will render a student ineligible to participate for a two-week probationary period.
- **Follow-up grade check** – at the end of this probationary period, if the failure issue(s) has not been resolved, the student will remain ineligible until progress reports are issued. If the failure issue(s) is resolved, then the student may return to full participation.
- **Warnings** – students who earn at least one grade of 69 – 76, inclusive, likely need extra time and attention in those subject areas. While not considered ineligible, these students will be encouraged to attend the subject-specific tutorials that may be offered until the next reporting period.
- **Absence** – any student absent from school for half-day or more, on the day of a scheduled extra-curricular event/game, may not participate in the event. A half-day is defined as missing all classes before lunch or all class after lunch.