



Madison Public Schools

Department of Athletics

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Dear Parent / Guardian and Prospective Athlete:

As director of Athletic Programs, I would like to welcome you to the Madison Public Schools Department of Athletics. I look forward to getting to know you as you progress through our athletic programs.

Successful athletic programs have specific goals. They include: a positive experience for every athlete and a great sense of camaraderie and unity within their team; an environment that ensures high ethical standards and expectations for fairness, equity, and sportsmanship for all our student-athletes and coaches.

As a coach it has always been my belief that there is a big difference between athletic teams and athletic programs. A successful program includes dedicated coaches, active support from the student body, outstanding leadership from school administrators, and, most importantly, a great sense of pride fostered by the entire community. It will be our mission to facilitate all those facets together to create the best athletic programs possible.

A *true* athlete is someone of high moral character with a genuine work ethic. They contribute to a team in many different roles and always strive for improvement and efficient execution of skills, in practice as well as in competition. Play hard, play fair, and dedicate yourself to be the best you can possibly be, but, most importantly, have fun! The rewards will stay with you for the rest of your life.

With Tiger Pride,

Craig W. Semple
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