

# WHAT NORTHSIDE TEACHES STUDENTS ABOUT THE SPORTS PROGRAM

## **We teach them that the program will develop three essential life skills:**

1. The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. As such, we need to give careful attention to its nutrition, fitness, rest, and clothing.
2. Much can be accomplished by working in harmony to achieve a common goal. This is the way the Lord intends for His Church to function.
3. Learning to labor cheerfully under God-ordained authority is the secret of true freedom, peace, and fulfillment.

## **We teach them that the program has two goals:**

1. Interscholastic athletics provide fellowship opportunities with other brothers and sisters in Christ. The schools with whom we compete are not the enemy.
2. Competition is a wonderful opportunity for showcasing a Christian's character under fire. Testimony is always more important than the final score.

## **We teach them that parents have four responsibilities to the program:**

1. Support the philosophy articulated above.
2. Pick up students promptly after practices and games, whether home or away. We require coaches to stay on campus until the last student is gone.
3. Work in gate or concessions at least one game per season. Parents are not normally scheduled to work during their child's game.
4. Allow the coach to coach without confusing the players with instructions from the bleachers. Allow the officials to officiate without unneeded and often uninformed comments from the spectators.