

Athletic Program

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St. Mary's has had a long tradition of involvement in sports. Many changes have occurred to improve what is offered and how the program is administered. St. Mary's School follows the guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. In the 1992-93 school year, St. Mary's joined the Waukesha Area Catholic Conference (WACC) and was therefore able to offer a variety of sports to its students. This league includes approximately fifteen Catholic grade schools in an area north to Oconomowoc, east to Brookfield, south to Burlington, and west to Dousman. The rich variety of schools included in this league gives teams good competition as well as a chance to experience peers from school with different size enrollments in rural and suburban environments.

Sports Offered:

Presently the program is able to provide three sports to both boys and girls in grades 5-8.

Seasons	Sport	Dates
Fall	Volleyball	Mid-Sept. to end of Oct.
Winter	Basketball	Dec. to mid-March
Spring	Track	Apr. to early-May
Fall/Winter	Cheerleading	Oct. to mid-March

Cheerleaders are allowed to participate in another sport during the same season as cheerleading.

Games are held on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season. Approximately half of the scheduled games are held at home with the remaining games held at other schools throughout the league.

Practices begin four weeks prior to the first game. Most teams practice twice per week for one and one-half to two hours.

Any student wishing to participate in the athletic program must complete the appropriate forms, have a physical exam by a licensed physician every two years, follow the Athletic Code, and maintain the Eligibility Requirements as stated below.

Athletic Policy:

Participation in athletics is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities. Academics and behavior take priority over athletics. Participation in athletics is dependent upon the player maintaining good grades and good behavior in school. The following criteria will be used to determine the academic and behavior eligibility of St. Mary's School student athletes.

Academic Eligibility:

St. Mary's School requires that a student who participates in any extracurricular activities maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average. Students must maintain passing grades in each subject. Grades will be evaluated at report card and progress report time.

Behavioral Eligibility:

Children must also realize that their behavior may have an impact on their eligibility to participate in the St. Mary's School Athletic program. The following are reasons for behavioral ineligibility:

1. A student causes a serious behavioral incident or consistently disobeys school rules and/or disrespects others or property. Implementation and time frame will be at the discretion of the staff and principal
2. Suspension from school will result in ineligibility for one (1) week. **Suspension means exclusion from all school activities. If a student is suspended from school he/she is automatically suspended from a team. This suspension begins the day the student serves the suspension and continues for one week (7 days).**

3. Probation due to serious behavioral problems will result in student ineligibility for the period of the probation.

Absence Policy:

A student who is absent from school during the day will not be allowed to play in a game that evening.

Athletic Association:

To further improve the athletic program, a separate St. Mary's School Athletic Association was formed in the spring of 1994. The objectives of this association are:

- to promote athletic activities
- to provide financial support for athletic activities
- to encourage athletic participation and good sportsmanship
- to coordinate all activities between school administration and the association
- to promote a good working relationship with Catholic Central HS Athletic Association

Membership in the association includes:

- all parents whose child/children participate in any / all interscholastic sports
- all members of the athletic committee
- all coaches
- any interested person by approval of the committee

The athletic committee consists of thirteen voting members, the grade school principal, and the pastor. Positions on this committee include one athletic director/chair, two additional athletic directors, a secretary, a treasurer, six sports co-coordinators and two scheduling co-coordinators. Nominations for these positions are open to all school parents. Elections are held in April. Each elected member serves a two-year term. Meetings are held monthly.