



## *Support Expectations*

*Here at Garfield we know that we need the strength of the community to support our teams. There are a few guidelines that we must follow to make sure that we stick with the guidelines.*

### **PARENT EXPECTATIONS**

When your son/daughter makes a team, **you have the right to know the coach's expectations for your child.** All coaches have different requirements and the coach has the duty of communicating this information to the students as well as the parents.

As a parent it is important to know the coach's philosophy for your child as well as for the team in general. **Each coach will explain the expectations in his/her own way; it may be through a team meeting or through a letter home.** Please make sure that the coach informs you of practices that occur during break. The coach is also responsible for informing you about any disciplinary action that results in your child being denied participation.

Being a parent of an interscholastic athlete can be a very rewarding experience, parents' participation with their son/daughter should be enjoyable. **Please maintain a positive attitude and encourage your child to focus on the effort of the game, not necessarily winning.** Do not let playing time dictate your child's happiness, and remember that it is not a measure of their value on the team. Make every effort to be supportive when things are not going well for your child and/or the team because they look to you when they need help staying optimistic.

Be supportive of the coaching staff in front of your son/daughter. If you have issues to discuss with the coach, please contact him/her directly to arrange an appointment. You **deserve the coach's full attention when you express your concerns so please do not discuss these issues immediately before, during, or after a game/meet/practice.** If you consistently have trouble contacting the coach, please contact the Athletic Director.

## **FAN EXPECTATIONS**

Our athletes thrive on positive cheering! The support of the Garfield community helps our athletes succeed and excel! Your positive cheering and encouragement is needed; great sportsmanship (from both the athletes and the fan) is crucial. Negativity towards opposing teams is strongly discouraged. It has the potential to jeopardize the eligibility of our Bulldogs!