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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Wallenpaupack Area School District's Athletic Page. My name is Ann Marie Simons and I am starting my fourth year as your Athletic Director. I have taught in our district for many years and have had the pleasure of working with some of the finest students, coaches, staff, and faculty members in the area. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching our students succeed academically, athletically, and socially over the past two years in my role.

Confidence, cooperation, and teamwork are some of the attributes that can be fostered in sports. Dealing with loss and controversy, overcoming obstacles, and knowing that you have done your personal best are a few other examples of what can be gained through participation in sports. All of these are important in life. Students who can learn life lessons from sports now will be more successful throughout their entire lives.

I ask that you be an integral part of your child's overall experience. Support your child as well as his or her teammates. Be a positive role model to all students as a spectator in the stands, displaying good sportsmanship at all times. Focus on the positive when discussing athletics and your child's team. Encourage your child to communicate with his or her coach. Clear communication is essential to success.

In the event that you may have a concern, I ask that you discuss your concern with your child's coach. Please, do not approach the coach immediately before or after an athletic contest. Frustrations can be high during those times. Schedule an appointment to discuss your concerns. I would be happy to help, if you think my assistance is needed.

In the 2017 school year, I will be expanding opportunities for our athletes as well as our parents. We have established an athletic council that will work in four main areas: community and school spirit, community service, character and leadership development, and recognition of athletes, both past and present. Students interested in our athletic council can see me if they are interested in participating. In addition, the Athletic Department will be sponsoring a speaker who will address college experiences, academic eligibility, and athletics. I encourage you to attend the session if your child would like to play collegiate sports.

I look forward to working with all of our student athletes, coaches, faculty, staff, and parents. If we all have a positive, cohesive relationship, our student athletes will definitely have a positive and successful experience.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Simons

Wallenpaupack Athletic Director