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Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Ann Marie Simons and I am starting my fifth year as the Wallenpaupack Athletic Director. I have had the pleasure of working with some of the finest students, coaches, staff, and faculty members in the area, over my tenure here and have thoroughly enjoyed watching our students accomplish many fetes, including winning championships, breaking records, attaining sportsmanship awards, and simply improving and maturing as individual and team student-athletes.

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 during their high school careers 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. If a concern arises during the season, I ask that you discuss it with your child's coach first. 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. If I can be a help during this process, please call me. I would be glad to help.

In the 2018 school year, I will be expanding opportunities for our student-athletes, coaches, and parents. The Wallenpaupack Athletic Council will continue to expand in four principal 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 connecting with programs from the Positive Coaching Alliance and in conjunction with the COAL Foundation to bring opportunities, to students, coaches, and parents to ultimately enhance the overall student-athlete experience here at Wallenpaupack.

GO BUCKHORNS!

Sincerely,
Ann Marie Simons
Wallenpaupack Athletic Director