



A Message to Parents from the Athletic Director

Dear Parents/Guardians:

My name is Ann Marie Simons and I am both excited and honored to be Wallenpaupack Area's Athletic Director. I have taught in our district for twenty-five years and have had the pleasure of working with some of the finest students, coaches, staff, and faculty members in the area. I have coached basketball at the junior high levels for several years. Over the years, I have been an avid supporter of our student athletes, and I am thrilled that I can take that support to a new level.

Many things can be gained through athletics. Confidence, cooperation, and teamwork come to my mind immediately. 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 believe that students, parents, and coaches can and should work together to enhance the overall experience of our young, student athletes. I ask that you be an integral part of your child's 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.

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.

GO BUCKHORNS!

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Simons
Wallenpaupack Athletic Director