



**Catholic School System of Greater Danbury
Saint Gregory the Great School**

Sr. Mary John O'Rourke, OSU, Principal

February 11, 2010

TO: All Parents/Guardians of Track and Field Athletes

FROM: Peggy Crotty- Track Coordinator

SUBJECT: Parent's Meeting/Sports Forms

Welcome to our third track and field season at St. Greg's!. I am very excited to get the ball rolling this year. The coaches are looking forward to working with your children and watching their track and field skills develop over the season. I ask for your patience while we get the program off the ground, as I'm sure there will be a learning curve for the students and coaches.

Our goal is to provide a safe, fun and competitive environment that will allow your children to develop their athletic abilities and to grow as individuals. We ask for your support and continued assistance in reaching this goal throughout the season.

Attached are several forms for you and your child to review and sign. Return them with the sports participation fee by February 26th. Please make checks payable to *St. Gregory School*. The sports participation fee for this year is as follows:

- 1 Child \$35
- 2 Children \$30 per child
- 3 Children \$25 per child

Please be aware that if all the forms and the fees are not received, your child will not be able to participate. If you have not already turned in your sports physical, you should turn it in with the track forms.

I want to thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation over the coming season. Please call me at 775-2280 or email me at peggy@crotty.tv with any questions or concerns.

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TRACK & FIELD PERMISSION SLIP

I give my permission to allow my child _____ to participate in the school sponsored athletic programs at St. Gregory the Great School. I hereby acknowledge that participation in track and field competition carries with it potential risks. I hereby release St. Gregory the Great School, the coaches, and the referees from liability in the event of injury while engaged in play or practice under their direct control. I also give my permission for any and all medical attention necessary to be administered in event of an accident, injury, sickness, etc. until such time I may be contacted. I hereby assume the responsibility for payment of any treatment.

I fully understand that my child _____ will not be allowed to participate if he/she does not follow the rules established by the administrator/advisory board and/or if he/she does not meet and maintain the academic standards as determined by the administrator/regional board.

I also realize that I am responsible for providing transportation for my child as needed. I agree to pick my child up promptly after practices and/or meets.

I promise to work to help make this program a positive experience for all involved by setting a good Christian example.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____
Parents/Guardian Name: _____
Parents/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
Insurance Co: _____

The sports participation fee must accompany this signed permission form. No student will be allowed to participate unless both the fee and the form have been returned. Thank You.

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**ACADEMIC AND CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETIC
PARTICIPATION**

The goal of the athletic program at St. Gregory's is to have the student succeed in both academics and athletics. To ensure this goal, the Principal will evaluate all team participants' grades and conduct when the third Report Card and fourth Progress Report comes out. Academic and conduct requirements are as follows:

1. A verbal warning will be given at the fourth Progress Report time if the student has any grade below a "C" or an Unsatisfactory Conduct grade. The student must then work to either improve their behavior and/or bring grade(s) up to a "C" or above before the Report Card time.
2. At the third Report Card, any student with a grade below a "C" will not be able to participate with the track team for a minimum of 2 weeks. During that period, the student must receive extra help from the teacher(s) on a regular basis. At the end of the 2-week period, the Principal and teacher(s) will review the student's grades. If the grade(s) has not improved, the student can either be removed from the team or granted more time to improve his/her grade(s). This is done at the discretion of the Principal and teacher.
3. At the third Report Card, any student with a grade of a "3" in Conduct in any subject will not be able to participate with the team for a minimum of 2 weeks. During that period, the student's behavior will be reviewed on a regular basis. At the end of the 2-week period, the Principal and teacher(s) will review the student's behavior. If the conduct grade(s) has not improved, the student can either be removed from the team or granted more time to improve his/her behavior. This is done at the discretion of the Principal and teacher.
4. Any student with a grade of "F" will be automatically withdrawn from the team for the remainder of the season.
5. A participant may be also removed from the team if his/her behavior while in practices or during a meet is continually disruptive or disrespectful to other teammates, coaches, adults, and/or opposing teams. The coach can request this action. The Principal and coach will decide disciplinary action.

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6. The decision of the Principal will be final in all cases.

I agree with the statement above and I will support all efforts to make this program successful.

Signature of Participant: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____ Phone# _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone: _____

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**Greater Danbury Parochial School Track and Field
Code of Conduct**

Intent:

The Catholic System of Greater Danbury promotes the concept of good conduct by all participants including players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators. This concept will provide a safe athletic environment, good role models and a sense of community spirit throughout the league. All participants good conduct and competitive sports can co-exist.

Everyone will:

1. Respect all players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators.
2. Respect the property of others including all gym facilities, equipment and running area.
3. Not taunt, boo, or make negative comments about any players, coaches, parents, and spectators.
4. Never argue with the referee's call.
5. Remember that sports for children should be about having fun.

Players will:

1. Have fun.
2. Work hard to improve skills and play by the rules.
3. Follow coaches directions and instructions.
4. Always respect teammates, opponents, coaches, and referees.
5. Not chew gum.
6. Remove all jewelry and makeup prior to meet.
7. Support teammates at all times.
8. Stay with your coach during practices and at the meets.

Parents & Spectators will:

1. Not force a child to participate in a sport.
2. Remember that children participate in athletics to have fun.
3. Remember that the meet is for the children, not the adults.

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4. Remember that they are not the coach and will refrain from yelling instructions out onto the field.

5. Speak to the coach in private with any concerns. Arrange a time that is convenient to both and never speak in front of the children.
Discussions during a meet, including warm-up time and immediately following a meet while the players and coaches are leaving the field are inappropriate.
6. Be a positive role model by respecting all athletes, coaches, referees, other parents and spectators at all times.
7. Value skills development, fair competition and good effort.
Recognize that the effort of all children, your own team and opponents, is more important than the outcome of the meet.
8. Cheer for all children on the team, not just your own child.
9. Not encourage any behavior or tactics that would endanger the health and well being of anyone.
10. Do not go onto the field during a track meet.
11. Do not let younger siblings on the field during a track meet.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Signature: _____