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Students and Parents,

After-school activities and events will begin this week. We have sports teams we are proud of and it is equally important to be proud of the behavior of our fans at these events. To make these games an enjoyable experience for all, we are sharing our expectations for students attending these events.

1. Students are expected to sit in the stands and watch the game. Students should not be under the grandstand at football games, under the bleachers in the gyms, in the hallways, or on the playground during home events as these areas are not supervised.
2. Students are not allowed to bring footballs or basketballs to the facilities. Students should avoid playing games such as tag or tackle football in the facilities.
3. Students are not to be on the playing court or field at any time. If students are out of their seats to go to concessions or to the bathroom, they are expected to walk to these areas and promptly return to their seats.
4. Students should conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner. This includes refraining from using offensive language, gestures, or behavior that could be disruptive or disrespectful to other attendees, players, coaches, or officials. Using profanity, making animal noises, or singling out players is not permitted.
5. The primary purpose of attending an athletic event is to support the teams participating. Students are expected to cheer for their team, show school spirit, and demonstrate positive support for both their own team and the opposing team.
6. Displaying good sportsmanship is crucial. Students should refrain from taunting, insulting, or belittling players, coaches, officials, or fans from the opposing team. Respect for the game, its participants, and the overall spirit of competition is important.
7. Sometimes, students might disagree with referees' decisions. It's important to remember that officials are doing their best to make fair calls. Disruptive behavior aimed at officials can negatively impact the overall atmosphere of the event.

Attending an athletic event should be a positive and enjoyable experience for all attendees. By adhering to these expectations, students and fans can contribute to a supportive and spirited environment that enhances the overall enjoyment of the game.

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