

"Notes From School"

Sportsmanship

As we begin the Winter sports season, the School District of Mondovi would like to encourage all fans to remember that our athletic events are meant to be conducted in an atmosphere that is positive and encouraging. Our student-athletes, and their coaches, work hard to prepare for games and contests; they do their best to win. Each spectator can do their part to make each contest a positive experience by demonstrating good sportsmanship. The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) has provided a template to make our goal into a reality.

Expectations for Spectators...

Essential elements of character and ethics are embodied in sportsmanship principles, including loyalty, respect, modesty, honesty, trustworthiness, responsibility, self-control and discipline, and good citizenship.

To be a supportive and valued spectator, the School District of Mondovi asks you to review and abide by the following sportsmanship goals and guidelines.

- Support and cheer for your team and enjoy the skill and competition.
- Cheer in a positive way that respects the efforts of all teams and players involved.
- A ticket is a privilege to observe a high school athletic event, not a right to demonstrate undesirable or inappropriate behavior.
- Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of sportsmanship at all times.
- Remind yourself and others that interscholastic athletics are an extension of the traditional classroom and are learning experiences where mistakes are made. Encourage and commend students' attempts to improve themselves educationally and athletically.
- Be a positive role model through your own actions, remaining positive and supportive in cheers, signs, and interactions with others.
- Know and respect the rules of the game.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of officials--and accept their decisions.
- Show respect during National Anthem and presentation of the flag.
- Respect school property and school authorities. Remain off the playing/competitive area and never throw anything in the stands or onto the field or floor.
- Respect and support the commitment and efforts of coaches.
- Respect and cooperate with the positive and enthusiastic efforts of cheerleaders.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play.

- Participate only in activities and behaviors that are appropriate for school-sponsored events before, during and after games near the site of competitions.

The Dunn-St. Croix Conference continues to discuss the importance of good sportsmanship and we, as fans, can and should continue to support the competitive performances in the most positive and courteous manner possible. The School District of Mondovi has been recognized as the Dunn-St. Croix Sportsmanship Award recipient three out of the last four years running. Let's attempt to regain the crown in 2017-2018! Your first opportunities will be at the following home openers; Girls Basketball - November 28 v. Ladysmith, Boys Basketball - November 30 v. Ellsworth, and Wrestling - January 4 v. Boyceville. Go Buffs!