



February CYO Athletics E-letter



CYO Athletics Community,

Three sports down and three sports left in this athletics school year, and at roughly the half way point, we'd like to invite you to take a moment and reflect upon the different roles that each of us play in making organized sports a reality for our kids.

We want to thank all the coaches, who put on their youth minister's "hat" every week and serve the church community by bringing a team together. These individuals have the toughest job in the entire program and the work they do cannot be overlooked.

Secondly, we want to thank the parents. The Catholic Church acknowledges that the primary faith formation in any child's life occurs at home, and it is through this love that is given and received in each household that lays the foundation of the next generation of believers.

We also want to thank all of the volunteer commissioners and athletic directors. Through their devotion, these leaders are shaping the future of CYO athletics in every tough decision that has to be made.

Finally, we want to thank the kids, our young athletes who get to learn the sports we loved to play as children, and still love to watch as adults. It is for their joy and growth that we do the work we do.

St. Paul wrote "when I was a child, I used to talk like a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things." (1 Corinthians 13:11)

"St. Paul is reminding us to let children be children, let them play and laugh and be young. He is also challenging us to re-evaluate how we prioritize our own lives as adults. Are there times when we act like children? Lord, let us reflect upon our role in this program. Through scripture, teach us how to live with the priorities of your son, Jesus Christ. By your mercy, help us

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to become less self-involved with our own motives and ambitions. May our lives shine as a beacon of light and hope to a world broken and separated from you."

Clint Richardson
Associate AD

March Sports

March 22nd - Baseball season begins

Volleyball Coaches:

Sportsmanship Awards -

Remember to make your nominations for this years sportsmanship awards. All 6th-8th Grade coaches should send an e-mail to cyo@seattlearch.org nominating a team they play this year for the sportsmanship award. In the nomination, share with us a few specifics of why this team is so deserving.

Baseball Coaches:

Coaches Meeting -

When: Tuesday, March, 10th 7:00-8:00pm

Where: Isaac Orr Conference Room @ the Chancery (910 Marion St. Seattle, WA 98104)

Why? Important information about the season will be presented, including rule changes and points of emphasis.

Note: Any team that fails to have a coach representative at the coaches meeting will receive a one-game forfeit, and their head coach will receive a one-game suspension.

Play Like A Champion Today!

If you still need to get your coaches certification, there will be a training on the night of the coaches meeting, March 10th from 8-11pm in Isaac Orr.

For more information check our website or [click here](#).

Remember, if you've coached CYO at all this year, or were a head coach last school year, '07-'08, you are required to take Play Like A Champion Today prior to coaching baseball.

Do we need another athletic field?

CYO Athletics would like to inform you about the designs for a new 15 acres of park in the Maple Leaf community in Seattle. There are three designs posted on the [website](#) of the 15 acre cover that is being built over the water reservoir. Only one of the three conceptual designs includes an athletics field (synthetic baseball diamond), while the other two do not. The debate is currently underway in regards to which design would best serve the community.

That's where you come in! Send your comments to the Friends for a Greater Maple Leaf Park (FGMLP) by using this [comment form](#). Facility use is scarce for all sports, and anytime we can add an extra field, it essentially opens up time at all fields, so please let your voice be heard. For more information about other future plans for Seattle parks please check out the [Friends of Athletics Fields](#) (FAF) website.

Contact Seattle Parks . . . and be heard!

Seattle Parks and Rec is seeking your feedback about how they can better serve the community. This [survey](#) can be used to give feedback on fields and the scheduling process.

Wearing Out Our Welcome

On a different note, the CYO Athletics community has not done a good job of respecting the facilities we have been using. Through sheer generosity, we've been allowed to use Bishop Blanchet High School for basketball championships for the past two years, but that by no means gives us the right to leave the facility as trashed as it was by the end of the day this year.

This is not only a reflection of the CYO basketball community, but the track community left Highline Stadium trashed after the track meets last year and the volleyball community left Immaculate Conceptions gym filthy just this last weekend. If this behavior continues, schools may no longer tolerate our presence.

Schools like Kennedy, O'Dea, Seattle Prep, and Bishop Blanchet are huge helps when we try to meet the scheduling demands of our program, and losing just one of these facilities could severely impact the quality of our program, increasing travel and inconvenience. Please do what you can to clean up after yourselves and help your children do the same.

Thank you for your commitment to CYO Athletics. If you have not recieved all of our E-letters this year, or would like to review previous months, you can find them on our website or [click here](#). Please also continue to send us stories, the moments of grace that make our program special, and remind everyone why we do the work we do.

Sincerely,

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