**Charger Community Night Comments;**

 **As an Athletic Department we want to be indentified as a Culture of Champions** – Athletically, At Powers we have four principles or corner stone’s we base our athletic programs on. They are **1. academic success**, 2. **competitive success, competing for championships** (district, regional and state), 3. A **positive experience, making sure that every student - athlete has a great experience whether in the classroom or** **athletic fields, floors, pool or courts,** **and 4. a commitment** to **community service/engagement**

 “The Athletic department message is simple, “Strive for perfection and settle for excellence”.

 Parents and spectators --- when we are in the stands, you are surrounded by families of teammates and young kids with youthful ears. **PLEASE REALIZE** YOUR words have influence on others. Your behavior in the stands in competition with other teams, and towards officials, sends a message and at Powers we always want that message to be positive. **I don’t want to have security remove parents from athletic contests but we will if we need to.**

 **SPORTSMANSHIP** and great character is expected when we are competing against other schools. We currently have a shortage of officials in every sport and a large portion of that is when you talk to officials they are burnt out due to poor sportsmanship by fans.

Basically, officials are tired of being abused by fans in the stands please remember officials are human, they make mistakes, so PLEASE keep that in mind.

In the world of athletics, you can’t measure success by wins and losses only. Hopefully, Powers will win Conference, District, Regional and State titles. Some individuals, may be honored with all league, all region or all state honors. **BUT** if that is your only measure of success, we have fallen far short of our goal as coaches and educators.

Athletics teaches us many lessons – Respect, Listening Skills, Communication, Responsibility, Discipline, Humility, Self-Control, Handling Adversity, Following Rules, Accountability, Teamwork.

* As parents, teammates, administrators and spectators our job is to support the student - athletes and athletic teams. Remember, No player, coach or parent is perfect either, we all make mistakes.

 **Things to Remember**

● **TEXTING/Emails** – Communication is very important. If your child or you as parents have issues with a coach **PLEASE**, I strongly encourage you to engage in open discussion & dialog with coaches. In todays world of technology, we lean on texting and emails as an appropriate way of communication. We have gotten away from talking with each other. So please, I encourage open discussion with the coaches.

● The **24 hour rule** – With regards to contacting coaches about any issues. Take 24 hours before approaching a situation to think things through. **Try to remove instant emotion**. Schedule a time to discuss what’s on your mind.

* **A Powers** Athletic Department Rule -**You should always try to have discussions with the head coach FIRST before coming to me the athletic director. If you call me as the AD saying you want to discuss a sport program the first thing I’m going to ask you is have you talked to the head coach.**

● **School Attendance**: **(This is a Big One) so please here me on this --** Students must be in school for a full day to be eligible to practice or participate in games **A half day is not a full day**. If your son or daughter comes to school after 9:00 without a doctor’s note **they will not be allowed** to practice or compete in a game that day.

* We have an athletics web – site. I highly encourage All Parents, student – athletes and fans to go to our Powers Catholic Athletic Website, Our athletic website is: **POWERSCATHOLICATHLETICS**

**.ORG.**

* Athletic Information can also be found on Twitter and our Facebook page.

● Clothing or Gear for Team Mom’s -- The wording of **Powers CATHOLIC must be somewhere** on front of all Team Gear –Shirt colors can be Navy, Orange or White, ,Any purchase of game or practice apparel must be seen by me as the Athletic Director before being ordered. We really want to keep our Powers Catholic brand consistent.

* **If school is cancelled**, that does not necessarily mean that practices are cancelled. Practice decisions are typically made between noon & one o’clock between myself the principal and the head coach.

**● Team Meals – Coordinated through the team moms**

● **Transportation** – We only have 3 school buses so we prioritize which team gets a bus based on distance traveled and team size. We do our best to meet all requests. Depending on distance we may sometime us a coach bus.

* **For the 2023/24 school year all of our home games with the exception of district or regional playoffs will be cash only.**
* **All** Powers Students get into any home game free with their Powers student ID.
* We are looking forward to a great 2023/2024 school year.