## Arete Preparatory Academy Parent's Code of Conduct

- 1. Attend your child's games as often as possible. Parents comprise a large percentage of the fans at our games. Your support is needed not only for the team, but it will heighten your athlete's experience.
- 2. **Be Involved.** Being an active member of the Arete Prep community involves cheering for your athlete and the team. Cheer for the *entire* team.
- 3. **Be Positive.** The best thing a parent can do is to support the team with enthusiasm. Making disparaging remarks about the coach in the presence of your child or other parents is demoralizing and defeating. Support your child's coach and stand behind their decisions, even if they are occasionally unpopular with some players or other parents. If you have a question or concern about a coach's policies or actions, please approach the coach directly.
- 4. Let The Coach Coach. Always allow the coach to offer coaching tips to the athletes during competition. The players and team should only hear cheers of support and encouragement.
- 5. **Be Respectful To Referees.** Please be respectful to all Referees and Site Administrators, even if you witness unsportsmanlike behavior. If an individual is asked to leave, they will be required to meet with the Athletic Director and the Headmaster before being allowed to attend future Arete Prep home games.
- 6. **Be Respectful To The Opposing Team.** The other team's players should be considered off limits at all times.
- 7. **Approach The Coach.** If your child is not happy with playing time, the coaching philosophy, or has a problem with another player, etc., encourage your child to approach the coach. Allow your child the growth opportunity to work out any issue directly with their coach. If the problem persists or is not answered satisfactorily, you may approach the Arete Prep Athletic Director.

There are a hundred ways to be a good team member or fan. When the larger definition of team is working well, the experience can be rewarding for everyone involved. People who see our program in action will want to be a part of it. This kind of teamwork perpetuates itself.