

Dear Parents,

As we begin our fall sports season, I am reminded of one of my favorite verses,  
" I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength,  
that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service."

1 Timothy 1:12

Remember the famous Army saying, "Be All That You Can Be"? We all have been recruited by God to be on his team. I encourage all of you to be a proud representative of Christ and Skeels Christian School at every game.

Athletics at Skeels provides a way for our students to glorify Jesus Christ through athletic competition. Through our program, our goals are to teach Christian character principles of commitment, cooperation, courage, dependability, discipline, respect for others, sportsmanship, and humility in defeat and victory.

Students must understand that participation on a Skeels athletic team is a privilege not a student right. It is earned by hard work, commitment, good attitude and dedication to the team's common goals. Every person associated with our athletic teams is an automatic school representative. Negative attitudes, actions, and inadequate academics will immediately remove even the best athlete from a Skeels team. The administration reserves the right to determine a student's eligibility at any time.

According to the Skeels handbook, in order for a student to participate in sports:

1. Each athlete must maintain a C average as their overall grade in order to remain eligible. If the overall grade falls below a C-, the student will not be eligible to play for two weeks. If the student receives a failing grade in any class, but still maintains a C average as an overall grade, they will be eligible to play on the team, but not as a starter.
2. The time intervals for checking an athlete's overall grade average and eligibility will be every two weeks.
3. When ineligible, the student is still expected to practice with their team and appear at the games.

*Note: Repetitive acts of ineligibility may result in suspension or expulsion from the team. This will be enforced at the discretion of the coach, athletic director, and/or executive director.*

I encourage parents to check your student's academic progress daily. Parents are also asked to help at one home game during their child's sport season. Please contact the office to schedule the time.

I am looking forward to another great sports year here at Skeels and remember, you may contact me any time if you have questions or concerns. I am at the school every Tuesday and can also be reached at 989-387-0968.

In His Service,

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