St. Thomas and St. Timothy Middle School Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians 2023-2024

The parents/guardians of a student-athlete at St. Thomas and St. Timothy Middle School shall:

- 1. Model Christian behavior for all students, spectators, and coaches, remembering that they represent the school and their child/children in the community and at the sporting venue.
- 2. Complete all required paperwork before the first practice.
- 3. Encourage good sportsmanship, effort and teamwork from the student athletes, coaches and spectators.
- 4. Remember that a ticket or admission to a competition is a privilege.
- 5. Learn the rules of the sport so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place or respectfully inquire of the coach about such situations after the competition.
- 6. Respect the judgments of the officials and efforts and the strategies of the coaches by refraining from yelling, shouting, arguing, gesturing or inciting other spectators to such behaviors.
- 7. Remember that athletic experiences are learning opportunities for the players.
- 8. Make sports a part of the child's life not everything in his/her life. Keep winning and losing in perspective; help the student to do the same.
- 9. Help the student-athlete meet academic requirements as well as meeting the responsibilities of the team and coach.
- 10. Let the coach guide and instruct your child during competitions and practices.
- 11. Leave the school building during the practices so the focus of attention from your child will be on the coach and the activities designed by the coach.
- 12. Compliment and encourage all participants. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- 13. Support all efforts to remove poor sportsmanship from children's sporting events.
- 14. Refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco before and during competition and/or after competitions while still on or near the site of the competition.
- **15.** Ensure that the student-athlete has returned all school property including uniforms in a timely manner and in good condition. Parents are responsible for replacing or repairing any missing, damaged, or destroyed property.

Signature: _____ Date: _____