

To the Parents and Families of the Poolville Monarchs

I strongly believe in the value of extracurricular activities, especially athletics. I believe athletics supports and enhances the education process. It teaches more than just how to play games. Athletics teaches lifetime skills.

Many times student athletes have trouble deciding what sports to play. My answer is always, “play any or all of them.” It is the Athlete’s choice, with their family, as to what sport or sports to play. High School and Junior High are NOT intended to produce college athletes. It is documented that less than one (1) percent of high school athletes go on to play college level sports on scholarships. An athlete’s choice to concentrate on and play a single sport is risky at best if a scholarship is the major driving force. The athletic program of Poolville ISD is about producing the best teams possible and teaching student athletes lifetime skills in the process: overcoming adversity, finishing what you start, being a part of and knowing your role on a team, doing something the right way 100 times during practice so you can do it right when it matters, to only name a few.

I’m proud of the fact that our coaches teach our athletes to compete, hold them accountable to themselves and their teammates, and demand excellence 100% of the time. I hope you are, too. A coach who doesn’t “coach hard” doesn’t deserve a paycheck. Teams that don’t give 100% shouldn’t charge admission. Most often, coaches who lose teams, lose them around the dinner table. Be the coach’s biggest fan. Your student athlete will be better for it.

In summary, we want to provide the best athletic program we can offer. We want your son or daughter to participate in as many sports as they desire and to enjoy their athletic years in our school district.

*Thank You,
Chris Pennington
Superintendent, Poolville ISD*