

Dear Parents,

Because you have entrusted us in your son/daughter's education, periodically we like to check how we are doing . Enclosed is a statement of our Athletic Philosophy at CVCA. Please review it first, and then answer the questions to let us know how your student athlete's experience this past season matches up with our stated goals. Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy exists to serve your family and help parents carry out their biblical responsibility to train up and educate their children.

A common questionnaire has been created for your convenience. We cannot stress the importance of your candid response. We would also ask that you sign the bottom of the questionnaire, knowing that all feedback will be handled confidentially. If you prefer to speak with us personally, feel free to give us a call to set up an appointment. We do want to provide the best possible experience for your student athlete at CVCA. Your open, honest, and ongoing feedback is a critical part of helping us "strive for excellence" in the future.

We know you are busy, but we believe feedback from each family is vital in the growth and improvement of any organization. So please take a few minutes to answer the questionnaire and send it back to us ASAP.

Please make sure to mark the sport and the level of play for your child.

Thank you for your time,

The CVCA Athletic Department



CUYAHOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

“Doing Our Best As We Strive for Excellence”

What we Believe

We believe that the principles and lessons, learned in the classroom, at home and through the local church, can be put into practice through athletics. A microcosm of society, athletics allows the student to develop and use his or her God given ability to glorify God. Because the arena of competition is usually surrounded with pressure, the athlete is tested, and the true character revealed. Consequently, the opportunity for character growth readily presents itself through athletic competition. Therefore, athletics at Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy is considered an integral part of a student athlete's high school curriculum.

Our Commitment to Education

Our philosophy can best be summed up by the phrase “doing our best as we strive for excellence.” We believe as Christians we are commanded by Scripture always to do our best. As believers we are not to waste the talent God has given us by giving anything less than total commitment, thorough participation, and maximum effort. We also believe we should STRIVE to be THE best at what we do. Being the best at anything, whether it be a National Merit Scholar or a state champion in basketball, is a worthy and admirable goal of any Christian. Becoming THE best may not always be the result of our athletic program; however, doing OUR best must be!

Role Model Coaches

Because of our commitment to excellence, coaches at CVCA become one of the most significant components of our athletic program. They have the responsibility to model Christ-like attitudes, behaviors, and desires for our student athletes while under pressure themselves. They are participants and teachers at the same time. One of the coach's most pivotal roles is to work with athletes whose character, revealed under pressure, needs to become more Christ-like. In order to be considered an effective coach and role model, our coaches must also be thoroughly knowledgeable in their sport, capable of detailed preparation, able to motivate athletes, able to make adjustments during competition, and actively give meaning to each situation a team or individual athlete may face. Coaches have great responsibilities, but also great opportunities, to mold young lives for Christ.

Our Program

We believe each individual sport at CVCA should be developed into a “program.” The head varsity coach shall be responsible to provide a consistent structure to ensure that similar philosophies are implemented at all levels of the program. The program should build pride among the participants and support among the student body. Parents should be valued as partners in this process of athletic education. Off-season conditioning, camps, etc, should be promoted for the serious athletes. College bound athletes and their parents should receive sound counsel on their potential. All activities within an individual sports program should exemplify the school's commitment to a Christ-like witness, and reflect the school's and athletic department's policies, procedures and philosophy.

The CVCA Athlete

We believe all CVCA athletes should be diligent in preparation, relentless in effort, disciplined by nature, respectful in actions, self-controlled with words, humble in spirit, and aggressive in pursuit of excellence, without regard to the score, opponent, time, referee, etc. As Christian athletes display these characteristics, good things usually happen: teams are successful, players are motivated, fans are supportive and enthusiastic, parents are proud, prospective athletes want to participate, and very often non-believers are drawn to Christ.

The Bottom Line

Because a high school student's participation in athletics often helps foster a pattern of how to approach difficult tasks, major challenges, and intense pressure, athletics should be viewed as a crucible for developing Christian character. In order for the CVCA athletic program to be successful, we equip our student athletes for their real test: life as a follower of Christ.

**PARENT FEEDBACK OF CVCA ATHLETICS AND
PARTICIPATION IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**

1. Are athletics used in proper perspective at CVCA? Suggestions?

2. Are you in agreement/comfortable with our commitment to excellence? Suggestions?

3. Does your son's/daughter's coach fit the attached description of a CVCA role model coach? If so, why? If not, where is improvement needed?

4. Does our athletic program fit the attached description of a CVCA athletic program? Why or why not? Suggestions?

5. Does your son/daughter fit the attached description (on other side of this page) of the CVCA athlete because of his/her experience this season? Why or why not? Suggestions?

6. The bottom line: Did your son's/daughter's experience accomplish our bottom-line mission of equipping student athletes "for their real test – life as a follower of Christ"?

Other suggestions? (Please use back of this paper, or attach one if necessary)

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Sport _____

Levels *Varsity* *Junior Varsity* *Junior High*