

A Letter from the Athletic Director

As an athletic director and coach, I have always believed that many of the lessons learned in co-curricular activities are some of the most important lessons in life. When thoughtfully taught, students learn lessons in dependability, teamwork, motivation, and discipline to name a few. Some of the country's most successful people have benefitted from participating in co-curricular activities. This athletic department believes in using co-curricular activities to educate the whole child to enhance and supplement their classroom education. It is my mission to work alongside our coaches to create an athletic department that the community will be proud of and our students will greatly benefit from.

The most successful student-athletes participate in multiple activities. By doing so, students increase the ability to work with a diverse group of people, develop into a much more well rounded athlete, and drastically decrease overuse injuries. Our coaches are dedicated to encouraging students to engage in as many activities as possible. It is the goal of the athletic department and coaches to make decisions that ultimately benefit the students we serve. Our coaches are dedicated to "Doing Right by Kids".

As the leader of the athletic programs, I am dedicated to serving the needs of our students first and foremost and our coaches. As a servant leader, I will always put the needs of students first and help in their development and growth. I will also serve our coaches in many ways including professional development, mentoring, and encouragement. By doing so, our coaches will be inspired to grow and develop their own vision within the mission of the athletic department. The success of the department and each sport will always be measured by the growth and development of our students above the wins and losses.

I have played and coached organized sports for 40 years. Athletics and the coaches I have played for have taught me many lessons. I have learned how to set and accomplish goals, overcome adversity, work within a team, strive to be the best I can be, and to be the good in my community. These experiences are invaluable to the growth and development of young people today. This is what drives me to give the students at Knappa High School the very best experience possible. It is my pleasure to serve alongside the coaches to provide a great experience for your students.

Respectfully,

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