



## Welcome to the 2011-2012 St. Mary School Sports Season

Dear Parents and Student Athlete,

Welcome back to school and our new sport season at St. Mary School Escondido (SME). I look forward to making this a positive, fun and successful program at St. Mary School. I have made a few minor changes to our program that will help our program run more efficiently. I hope to have two sports commissioners up and running for daily/weekly announcements, Knightly News updates and pep rallies. We had a great preseason with over 65 participants, now it's *GAME TIME!*

St. Mary School competes in the North County Parochial League (NCPL). The eleven schools in our league are located in the northern San Diego county region. They are St. James/Solana Beach, St. Michael's/Poway, St. Patrick's/Carlsbad, St. John's/Encinitas, St. Mary/Escondido, Nativity School/Rancho Santa Fe, St. Mary', Star of the Sea/Oceanside, Old Mission Montessori/Oceanside, St. Francis/Vista, St. Peter's/ Fallbrook, and Notre Dame Academy/Del Mar. You can visit the NCPL website at <http://ncpl.pbworks.com/> for more information.

Please review our St. Mary School Policy for After-School Sports (P.A.S.S.). This is an explanation of our sports program. Each Student Athlete, Parent and Coach will be required to review and sign this policy before students are able to participate in an after-school sport. The P.A.S.S. should answer questions or concerns that you may have about our program. We (Father Rich, Administration and faculty) believe that in order for us to have a successful program we need to make this a St. Mary School team effort. We hope to make our after-school sports program a positive and enriching experience for everyone by exemplifying our cooperation, sportsmanship and teamwork on and off of the field. Please sign, date and return the last page of the P.A.S.S. and keep the Policy for future reference.

Attached, please find a copy of the Sign-up/Check off list and a Permission, Emergency and Medical form. Please fill out completely and return with your forms and check no later than Tuesday, **SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**. I have also attached a driver form if you wish to drive another child, besides your own, to and/or from games. You must be Live-scanned and TB tested in order to be a driver.

Fees for SME Athletic Sports Program:

- One-time NCPL fee \$40/per student
- Sport Team fee \$35/per student - per sport
- Girls Volleyball/Basketball/Soccer personalized jersey \$25 - you will keep and use for multiple sports and/or multiple years.
- This year we are offering the purchase of the boys used Football jerseys for \$20.
- Please make out one check to St. Mary School for the total amount. Please note "sports" in the memo line.

All athletes will be responsible for returning his/her cleaned, borrowed jersey to the athletic department within five days of the last game or tournament played during that particular season. If jersey is not returned, the athlete will be charged a \$25 replacement fee.

Lastly, our athletic teams would not exist if we did not have dedicated volunteers such as coaches, team parents, drivers and people who can help with miscellaneous duties. This is a rewarding opportunity for you and your child. If you would like to volunteer your time for one of our teams, please contact me as soon as possible.

I look forward to working with you and your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [pat.freitas@stmesc.org](mailto:pat.freitas@stmesc.org) or leave me a message at the school office 760-743-3431 x125.

**GO KNIGHTS!**

Pat Freitas, Athletic Director