



MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Salem Academy athletics to teach the skills, refine the character, and foster the teamwork necessary for our athletes to compete to win as young men and women who represent Christ with excellence.

PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

The motto for athletics at Salem Academy is Christ, Character, and Class. As followers of Christ we believe that striving to be as excellent as possible is a core component of how our faith is manifested to the world. We believe that athletics provides a unique setting for fostering leadership, discipline, intensity, dependability, patience, teamwork, respect, excellence, honesty, honor, and striving to be one's best. These characteristics, along with others, represent many of the ideal qualities that we strive for as followers of Jesus Christ. It is our hope that these characteristics will define our athletes while in school at Salem Academy and later as men and women who stand for Christ in the world.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Colossians 3:23-24

At Salem Academy we believe that every aspect of our education should be excellent as our students look to know and serve God. This goal requires the full and complete stewardship of our talents. Our athletic programs are part of this process. We strive toward this in the way we practice, play, cheer, win, and lose. We believe that all of our talents and abilities are God-given, and therefore we make a full effort to participate and compete in all our athletic endeavors. Our athletes develop talents through consistent practice, the contribution of personal skills to a team, the testing of abilities on the fields of competition, and the displaying of humble and teachable spirits in both victory and defeat.

We strive for excellence by expecting to succeed in all we do. We recognize athletes and teams compete with a scoreboard; after each contest, there is a winner and a loser. We compete in a championship manner with a passionate desire to win and we take pride in our accomplishments. However, it is important to note that we do not define success simply by winning rather than losing. Success incorporates the efforts we give, the means we use, the attention we appoint, the reactions we present, and the sportsmanship we display. Winning is not the only end, but it is a significant goal.

Athletics personnel are committed to the academic development and achievement of each student at Salem Academy and it is expected of all our student-athletes that classroom performance is given the attention and dedication that being excellent demands. We recognize each athlete as a unique individual and we will use athletics as a means to help our student-athletes identify God's purpose for their lives. On the field of competition as well as in life we want every athlete to value that we never give up and never give in as we exhibit Christ, Character, and Class in all we do.