

Letter from the Athletic Director:

Welcome to Sebastian River High School where sportsmanship is an expectation. Sebastian River is committed to promoting and exhibiting good sportsmanship while participating in the Florida High School Athletic Association. With this comes the responsibility of coaches, teachers, parents, and other observers to demonstrate the type of sportsmanship we want our students to display.

Athletics should teach the lifetime values of integrity, fairness, and respect. These are the principles of good sportsmanship. With them the spirit of competition thrives, and is fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations, and graceful acceptance of the results.

Sportsmanship has been called the “golden rule” of athletics - treating others as we would like to be treated. It is a demonstration of generosity and genuine concern for others and a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity. It encompasses the best of human nature.

At Sebastian River High School, we pride ourselves in striving for excellence in the classroom and on the playing surface. Unfortunately, sometimes we lose sight of the fact that the true goal of educational athletics is to educate. We all like to win, but true victory isn't about wins and losses. It's not about championships or dreams of earning an athletic scholarship to college. It's about learning. Learning the values taught by athletics is what sets school sports, especially high school sports, apart from other levels of competition.

As a society, we are bombarded with the message that winning is everything. Not everyone can always win games or finish first – even Sharks! But everyone can demonstrate good sportsmanship. This will say positive things about Sebastian River and remind us all that in the end, sports are meant to be fun.

Please talk to your athletes about good sportsmanship and provide an example for all parties to follow. Remember, let the players play, let the coaches coach, let the officials officiate, and let the spectators be positive. Let's make this a great year for everyone!

Go Sharks and remember, “You Can't Hide That Shark Pride”

Sincerely,  
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