

St. Genevieve Parish Schools

November 8, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The St. Genevieve Valiants completed our football season with a perfect record of 9-0 during the regular season.

On Friday, we suffered our first defeat when we traveled to Chino Hills to take on a school of 3,000 students for the first round of play-offs. We can all be proud of the accomplishment of our team winning two league championships back-to-back, especially in light of all the additional challenges of a pandemic.

I want to offer an apology to our community for the behavior and actions of some of the spectators who attended Friday's game. Notice I use the word spectator instead of fan. Anyone who is a true fan of St. Genevieve athletics is also well-aware how prideful we are of being a *National School of Character*. Anyone who is a fan of our school's athletic program knows we take seriously the motto: *Pursuing Victory with Honor*. Last Friday, we fell short...in fact, we failed.

From what I've gathered thus far, there were some disgruntled spectators in the stands who were loud with their comments as well as profanity. Additionally, there is evidence that there was some drinking during the game as there were beer cans found.

Tempers flared, threats were made, voices were loud and one person was removed from the game by security. This event did not involve any St. Genevieve students; in fact, it involved only adults.

I present this information to all of you for the following reasons:

- I'm aware that many people who were not in attendance are talking about the unfortunate event and I wanted you to hear it from me...along with an apology.
- Our daily reality is affected by these actions, and our reputation is marred by an event like this.
- It is important to remind every parent and guardian that our handbook states that you are responsible for those you invite to our events as guests.
- I want us to be a school of Character in the truest sense. It is far easier to show good character when life is good. It is during times of conflict/adversity/stress that our character is tested.



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- My hope is that you will appreciate our transparency on these issues and respond by partnering with our staff on teaching and living the six pillars of character:
**TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY,
FAIRNESS, CARING, CITIZENSHIP**

Our faculty, staff and I recognize that it is small percentage of students and parents who are causing some of the unusual issues we've faced since August. Our staff asks me to pass along to you that we not only recognize but SO VERY MUCH APPRECIATE the kind and cooperative spirit exemplified by the vast majority of our community.

We request that if you have information relevant to the altercation on Friday evening, please contact our Dean of Character Formation: Dennis Yumul at yumul@sgps.org.

Also, if you are someone responsible for causing the conflict and would like to take responsibility for your actions, please contact Dennis for that as well.

Once again, my apology to anyone affected by the event on Friday. Also, my great gratitude for those of you who offered a cool head and steady hand in maintaining order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Horn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Horn, President-Principal