

Dear Student Athletes and Families,

Greetings from New Life Academy Athletics and welcome to Bobcat Country. We are excited for a new academic year and with it a full slate of opportunities for our student-athletes. Currently NLA offers Varsity Boys Soccer, JV & Varsity Girls Volleyball, JV & Varsity Boys Basketball, Varsity Girls Basketball, Cheerleading and JV & Varsity Baseball. NLA Athletics compete in the MACAA 1A.

Here at NLA we believe that Athletics are an amazing opportunity to learn new skills, while creating lifelong friendships and memories. Our goals for all student-athletes are threefold, to challenge them spiritually, academically and athletically, and in that order.

First and always, we start with spiritually as it is our desire to use teachable moments that happen all along the way in sports, to teach the truth of God's Word and to challenge our athletes to have a closer relationship with Jesus. It is our ultimate hope that lessons learned on the field or court will go well beyond winning and losing games, and to a place where our athletes are living for God's Glory first and foremost in all they do. *1 Corinthians 10:31*

Second, we want to constantly challenge our student-athletes to excel in the classroom and be in pursuit of each individual's standards for academic success. To put it simply, "you can be a student without the athlete, but you can't be an athlete without the student." Academics are a priority for all of our athletes and a key to unlocking future success in athletics and well beyond.

Third, it is our desire to strive for excellence in athletics. Whether on the court or field our Coaches will work hard to develop strong, fundamentally sound athletes that are pushing themselves to be the very best athletes they can be. We believe that teaching the "game" is the first priority at the junior levels so that we can compete for championships at the highest possible levels. *Colossians 3:23*

I look forward to meeting each of you and getting to know you better throughout the year as we work side by side to make this the best possible year for our student-athletes. Should you have any questions or concerns feel free to connect with me. Go Bobcats!

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