

# Core Beliefs

The MPC athletic program is unique when compared to many schools in today's society. We insist strong character development and religious conviction be as much a part of athletics as fair play and enthusiasm. Participation is not a right but a privilege, a privilege earned by student athletes who excel in the classroom, honor their families and school, and bring glory to God.

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# The MPC Way

The MPC Way is a set of core values defining the athletic programs at Mount Paran Christian. Coaches and athletes created the MPC Way based on the biblical principles and values that have impacted their middle and high school sports experiences. MPC athletes embody more than just God-given talent and skillsets. Teammates strive to achieve a common goal. The MPC Way is the reason why athletes play and is expressed in how they compete. It is the glory given to God and is defined by humility, integrity, passion, relentless effort, and a commitment to excellence.

Humility is selflessness, respect, and putting God and others first (Proverbs 11:2). Strong moral character and honesty when no one is watching is true integrity (Titus 2:7). Passion is a deep love for the game (Colossians 3:17) and the drive to achieve success. Hard work and determination demonstrate relentless effort (Jeremiah 32:19). Commitment to excellence (1 Timothy 4:12) is complete dedication and holding oneself to the highest standard. Eagle athletes and coaches live out these core values the MPC Way.

## **The MPC Way**

## **MPC Way for Parents**

# Spiritual Development

All athletic teams are expected to embrace and continue the school's efforts, as outlined in our mission statement, athletic philosophy, and core beliefs. As a Christian school, we are called to positively impact the lives of everyone we encounter in our daily lives. Participation in sports provides many opportunities for mission and service work that our coaches and players can use to impact the cause of Christ.

## **Team Chaplains**

Every athletic team will appoint or elect a student chaplain to serve in the areas of devotions and any service/mission work. Our chaplains are an integral part of maintaining perspective and focus on our efforts to be Christ's ambassadors in sport.

## **Mission Trips and Service Opportunities**

The head coaches of each sport are responsible to provide service and/or mission opportunities for their student athletes to reinforce the school's Mission Statement

## **Devotion and Prayer**

Each head coach will personally and actively participate in devotional opportunities for the student athletes with direction through the Christian Life office.