



The “New” GSA Sports Development Program

VISION

For Good Shepherd Academy to be a school that provides a meaningful opportunity for the child–athlete to excel in sports with the support of the GSA family. A family composed of parents, Alumni (former student athletes and parents), teachers, school administration, community, church and the Archdiocese. A school that advocates the active and dynamic participation of the GSA family. A school that firmly believes that the success of GSA Sports depends on the family working together harmoniously, guided by the Archdiocese Athletic Guidelines and GSA Sports Development Program. A school that nurtures a sports culture that focuses on the development of the child as a Christian athlete.

MISSION STATEMENT (from the Archdiocese Athletic Guidelines)

Our purpose is to provide an opportunity for young people to play sports. We foster the development of the whole child in the sense of a sound mind in a sound body emphasizing the development of Catholic identity in each child. We recognize the importance of a Christian atmosphere, one in which the players, coaches, and fans will be able to see Christ reflected in each other. We aim to do this in the most pleasant and safe surroundings available, and with the complete cooperation and support of those adults who share our aims for our young people.

What is the “New GSA Sports Development Program”?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on the development of the child as a Christian athlete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligned with the Archdiocese Athletic Guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher emphasis on safety of the playing environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strict adherence on volunteer coach certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting God’s Children Rutgers Safety Training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full transparency of financial records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efficient line of communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GSA Sport Bluebook – standardization of process and adequate documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocates Volunteerism
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better clarity of Roles and Responsibilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of Emergency Action Plans

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous training for volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of GSA to the outside community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamic and will continue to evolve as we build on past successes and learnings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Win the GSA way

Focus on the development of the child as a Christian athlete

- What aspects of the child do we want to development?
 - Excellence in both academics and sports
 - Commitment
 - Setting and achieving goals
 - Self confidence
 - Believe / Trust
 - Teamwork
 - Sportsmanship
 - Making friends
 - Being competitive
 - Humility
 - To be a Christian Athlete