Dear Banks Student-Athletes and Families:

Welcome to the start of what I am certain will be another successful season for Bulldog sports! This letter is designed to highlight some of the expectations we have at Banks for our student-athletes.

Participation in athletics and other extra-curricular events bring a level of commitment and a great sense of accomplishment that are such positive outcomes; I congratulate you from the beginning. Our philosophy is one that these events supplement the experience of your academics, teach valuable skills, and lead to a greater sense of community.

When you wear a Bulldog uniform, it is important to keep in mind that you represent not only yourself, your team, and your coach, but the entire school community. As such, my expectation for each of you is that you represent us with dignity, fair play, and good sportsmanship on and off the field of play.

Here at Banks, any form of bullying and hazing will not be tolerated in our athletic program. Should you feel that any inappropriate activity is occurring, you should immediately report it to your coach or me directly.

I would also like to remind you all about our eligibility standards. Each Monday, grades are automatically calculated for eligibility for the current week. If you are ineligible, you will be notified by your coach. Students will be ineligible, for the following reason(s):

- A weekly GPA under 2.0
- Failing (“E” letter grade) any 2 classes.

Remember, your primary role is as a student and you should be responsible for your academics first. Students who are deemed ineligible may not travel to any games or matches held away from Banks and are encouraged to take that time to focus on their studies in order to become eligible again.

I look forward to a great season for the Bulldogs and to enjoy watching all of you compete. Again, thank you for your participation in our athletic program and wish you the very best of luck. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email at: kevinfrancis@wlcsd.org or by phone at: 248.956.2231.

Respectfully,

Mr. Kevin Francis
Assistant Principal