

## Traditional TAPPS Pre-Game Announcement

This contest is governed by the rules and regulations of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools. The officials are our guests during this game and their decisions should be respected at all times. Sportsmanship should prevail both on the court (or field) and in the stands. We thank you for your cooperation.

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Other public address and radio announcements:

“These are high school athletes performing tonight. They are friendly rivals, not enemies.”

“Friendly competition is the theme of interschool sports. The visiting team and fans are our guests. Please show courtesy and good sportsmanship.”

“Officials are assigned by mutual agreement of both schools. Sportsmanship should be shown by all spectators, no matter which team they are backing.”

“Good Evening. Welcome to this game between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. A special welcome is extended to our neighbors from \_\_\_\_\_ for this exciting contest between two fine schools. Tonight’s event provides a showcase for the talents and skills of the students from each school through friendly competition, which is the theme of all interscholastic sports.”

“The performances you will see are the result of many hours of preparation. The teams, the bands, the drill teams and the cheerleaders have worked hard for your entertainment and appreciation. Please encourage them by your cheers, your applause, and your good sportsmanship. These students, along with their directors and coaches, represent their school with pride and honor.”

“The game will be conducted according to the rules of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools. The officials were selected with the consent of both schools, and their rulings should be respected by all. The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited on all school property, as well as the possession of illegal weapons and public gambling. The use of all tobacco products is forbidden except in designated areas.”

“You are reminded that spectators are not allowed on the field until players and officials have had an opportunity to leave after the game.”

“Thank you for your attendance. Get ready to enjoy the special performances of the talented students from these two fine schools.”

“The score of any athletic event is generally forgotten over time, but the actions of the players, coaches

and spectators are remembered. The next time you attend a high school game, think of how history will remember you. Good sports show you how to play the game. A message from the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools and YOUR SCHOOL NAME HERE.”

“Ethics, integrity and respect are values important in our daily lives. On the playing field, they are translated into the word Sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is one of the strongest educational lessons and lifetime values taught by interscholastic athletics. Remember, sportsmanship makes a world of difference. A message from the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools and YOUR SCHOOL NAME HERE.”

“An educational environment is critical to the success of high school activities. An important part of that environment is planning for good sportsmanship. Without good sportsmanship in activities, the lessons learned lose their value. Remember the next time you attend an interscholastic event that you are really inside a classroom where good sports receive the highest grades. A message from the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools and YOUR SCHOOL NAME HERE.”

“Winning – the #1 syndrome – is the number one problem in interscholastic athletics. High school athletics are truly educational in nature, and among the values learned are those associated with good sportsmanship. Being #1 in sportsmanship is educationally more important than being #1. Remember, sportsmanship makes a world of difference. A message from the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools and YOUR SCHOOL NAME HERE.”

“Your ticket to an interscholastic activity is a privilege, a privilege to watch youngsters compete and learn on the field. One of the lessons taught to players is one spectators can follow as well – that of good sportsmanship. Unruly behavior is unacceptable in the classroom, and athletics are a classroom. Remember, sportsmanship makes a world of difference. A message from the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools and YOUR SCHOOL NAME HERE.”

“A coach once wrote, “When we lose without excuses and when we acknowledge the better team, we place winning and losing in their proper perspective. That’s when we find out if we can be good sports.” Sportsmanship is a goal to strive for at all times, in athletics and in our daily lives. Sportsmanship makes a world of difference. A message from the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools and YOUR SCHOOL NAME HERE.”