



# St. Andrew Academy



# Football

Hello Parents,

There are many rumors going around the school concerning the state of our football program. We are writing this letter to ask for your input on how we should move forward with our program.

We have not been competing on most grade levels as of recent years and we believe that winning is not the main priority, but the purpose of our program is to teach our athletes to take pride in themselves, their school and to work together as a team. We hope that by the time our athletes leave St. Andrew they have become well rounded and challenged young adults.

Over the past several years our program has had its share of ups and downs for many reasons. Lack of players on each team has been the biggest problem we have had since the current Athletic Board has been in place. We have many outstanding athletes within our St. Andrew family. We haven't had enough players, in the past, to do some basic things that are needed to compete against other schools. For example, we haven't had enough players for teams to scrimmage at practices, on hot game days we haven't had enough players to substitute as much as the coaches would like, we have had to beg for boys to play that maybe didn't want to play just to fill a team and we have had multiple injuries on all teams.

The problem we have is that we had injuries last season due to the number of players that we have on our teams. We have been forced to place boys in positions that they are not big enough to play. In football, injuries are going to happen, but we have had more than our fair share.

According to CSAA, this is not only a problem for St. Andrew. This has been a problem for many of the schools within the CSAA leagues. This issue has many CSAA schools making the decision to merge football programs with other schools with the same issues.

This is where I need your help.

Several parents have approached us with these concerns and we have heard several different opinions on how to handle this issue. We feel the best thing to do is to inform the parents of the present concerns and ask you for your input. This issue concerns many of our families and we didn't feel we should make a decision, this large, without your input.

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If we chose to combine with another school, we believe the best suited school for our program would be St. Nicholas. We have spoken briefly with their Athletic Board and they have agreed to work along with us if this is how we choose to proceed. This would help both schools benefit from an ample number of players.

## Here are our questions to you.

You can answer by email @ [athletics.standrew@gmail.com](mailto:athletics.standrew@gmail.com) or you can answer questions on this form and return to school.

1. Should we proceed without making any changes? Why/why not?

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2. Should we merge? Why/why not?

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Any other comments or concerns are welcome.

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Signature (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

The Athletic Board will go over each form together and keep everyone informed of this situation. If this process doesn't give us a clear answer on how to proceed we will find another approach. Our goal is to do what is best for our students and our program.

**Thank you for your time and look forward to your thoughts**

