



Jesus? or Soccer?

Dear Parents, Does this seem like a dilemma to you? It seems to present problems for many of us as we see sports being the priority in our children's lives with faith practice trailing a poor second. But does it have to be this way? Should we not find the time to ensure our children's religious lives and education get equal consideration? Let us take into account the lessons learned when comparing the two and see for ourselves if one is less important than the other:

SOCCKER teaches:

Physical fitness: keeps our body in good shape.
Group Dynamics: each teammate is different and unique.
Cooperation: how to get along with others on the team.
Camaraderie: how to make new friends.
How to take direction: listening and learning from the coach.
Leadership skills: how to lead by becoming aware of strengths and weaknesses in ourselves and our teammates and encouraging the development of skills .
How to win: how to enjoy and take pride in winning without bragging.
How to lose: how to accept defeat graciously and learn from it.
Education: strategy and game planning. The ultimate goal is to learn the rules of the game and how they apply to the game so as to win cleanly and with honour.

How to improve our skills: PRACTICE!

OUR FAITH teaches:

Spiritual Fitness: keeps our soul in good shape.
Group Dynamics: each parishioner is different and unique.
Cooperation: how to get along with others in our Parish community.
Camaraderie: how to make new friends.
How to take direction: listening and learning from Jesus Christ.
Leadership skills: how to lead by becoming aware of strengths and weaknesses in ourselves and our community members and encouraging everyone by living the example of Christ's love.
How to win: receiving the Sacraments being filled with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
How to lose: relying on the Grace of God to help in times of pain and loss with faith.
Education: prayer and Faith First. The ultimate goal is to learn God's rules and how they apply to the living of a generous, loving life so as to win everlasting life cleanly and with honour.

How to improve our skills: PRACTICE!



Is one really more valuable than the other?
"Jesus is our coach"