



# EASTSIDE CATHOLIC

## Athletic Funding Overview

Eastside Catholic is committed to an athletic program of excellence. The primary goals of our high school athletic programs are to accentuate the development of the student holistically and to have each student achieve a personal level of excellence in fitness, team commitment and sportsmanship. Athletics is an important tool in the educational process of character development and encourages students to lead by example.

Eastside Catholic supports its athletic teams using funds from operations and are budgeted for each year. These funds provide the foundation and infrastructure for each sport to compete in season. Support includes coaches' stipends, transportation, uniforms, equipment and facilities.

Funds can be donated or earned through fundraising efforts by the individual teams and are held in trust in separate accounts by Eastside Catholic School to be used at the head coach's discretion with the approval of the Eastside Catholic School athletic director. These sport-specific funds (sometimes referred to as agency funds) are not part of the operating budget and therefore continue to be available year after year, if not spent in the current year.

Funds are frequently used for pre- or post-game meals, out-of-season tournament expenses, team gear that is not part of the school's uniform purchasing rotation, augmented training opportunities and equipment. Donors may also direct gift to specific uses by working directly with the Advancement Office and Todd Thrasher at [tthrasher@eastsidecatholic.org](mailto:tthrasher@eastsidecatholic.org) to restrict a gift to reflect the donor's desires.

Affiliated organizations like Eastside Crusaders Junior Football, Eastside Crusaders Junior Cheer and Eastside Crusader Youth Lacrosse are separate legal entities, independent and distinct 501(c)(3) organizations that host opportunities for youth to develop skills in their respective sports and compete outside of high school or CYO settings. We encourage you to speak directly with those organizations if you are interested in how funds for those programs are used.

Most donations made to Eastside Catholic, whether to the operating fund or sport-specific funds, are 100% tax deductible and donors will receive a thank you and gift receipt acknowledgment. Gifts made to affiliated organizations would be recognized by those organizations.

Whether you choose to support the operating fund, sport-specific funds or one of the affiliated organizations, thank you for supporting the growth of young people through the gift of sport.