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Winter Sports Parent Meeting

Poland Seminary High School

Nick Blanch, Athletic Director



THE POLAND STANDARD

Relationships • Accountability • Integrity • Preparation • Service



NICK BLANCH

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Poland Graduate
Class of 1997



Poland Teacher
Since 2002
Taught Grades
K - 8



26+ Years Coaching
Grades 4 - 12

17 Seasons
Head Girls Basketball Coach
Basketball • Volleyball • Softball • Track & Field



**OHSAA
Official**



Athletic Director
Fall of 2026

**SAME COMMITMENT.
SAME STANDARD.**



MEET OUR WINTER LEADERSHIP TEAM



Eric Fender

BOYS BASKETBALL



Bella Gajdos

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Ian Harker

SWIM & DIVE



Jordan Beadle

WRESTLING



Ann Marie Hurdley

CHEERLEADING



Kirstie Bournias

ATHLETIC TRAINER



Kim Brant

ATHLETIC OFFICE

ONE TEAM. ONE STANDARD.

COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF EVERY BULLDOG STUDENT-ATHLETE.

THE POLAND STANDARD

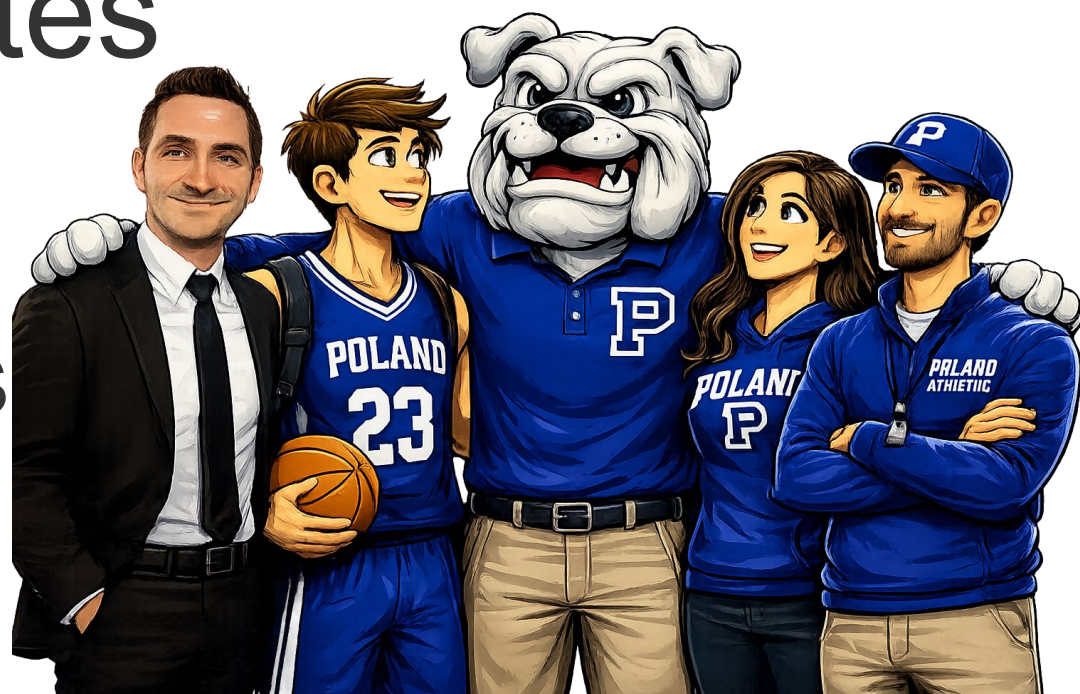
Relationships
Accountability
Integrity
Preparation
Service



**Every decision made in Poland Athletics
will be guided by these five principles.**

EXPECTATIONS

Student-Athletes
Parents
Coaches
Communications



The Poland Standard applies to everyone.



STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPECTATIONS

- Represent Poland & your family with pride
- Be accountable for your actions
- Put academics first
- Be present, prepared, and on time
- Compete with class
- Be a positive teammate
- Respect coaches, officials, and opponents

Athletics is a privilege, not a right.

High School Eligibility (Grades 9–12)

Student-athletes in grades 9–12 must:

- Be under the age of 20 for the duration of the school year. Once a student turns 20 during the school year, athletic eligibility ends.
- Receive passing grades in a minimum of **five** one-credit courses, or the equivalent, during the immediately preceding grading period.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 1.0.
- Be properly enrolled in sufficient coursework to maintain athletic eligibility requirements.

Middle School Eligibility (Grades 7–8)

Student-athletes in grades 7–8 must:

- Receive passing grades in a minimum of **four** classes during the immediately preceding grading period.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 1.0.

Additional Eligibility Information

- Physical Education courses do not count toward athletic eligibility requirements.



PARENT EXPECTATIONS[®]



Encourage effort,
accountability, and resilience.



Promote positivity.



**Allow your child to learn &
grow** through adversity.



**Model appropriate
behavior.**



**Support the team
and program.**



**Follow communication
procedures.**

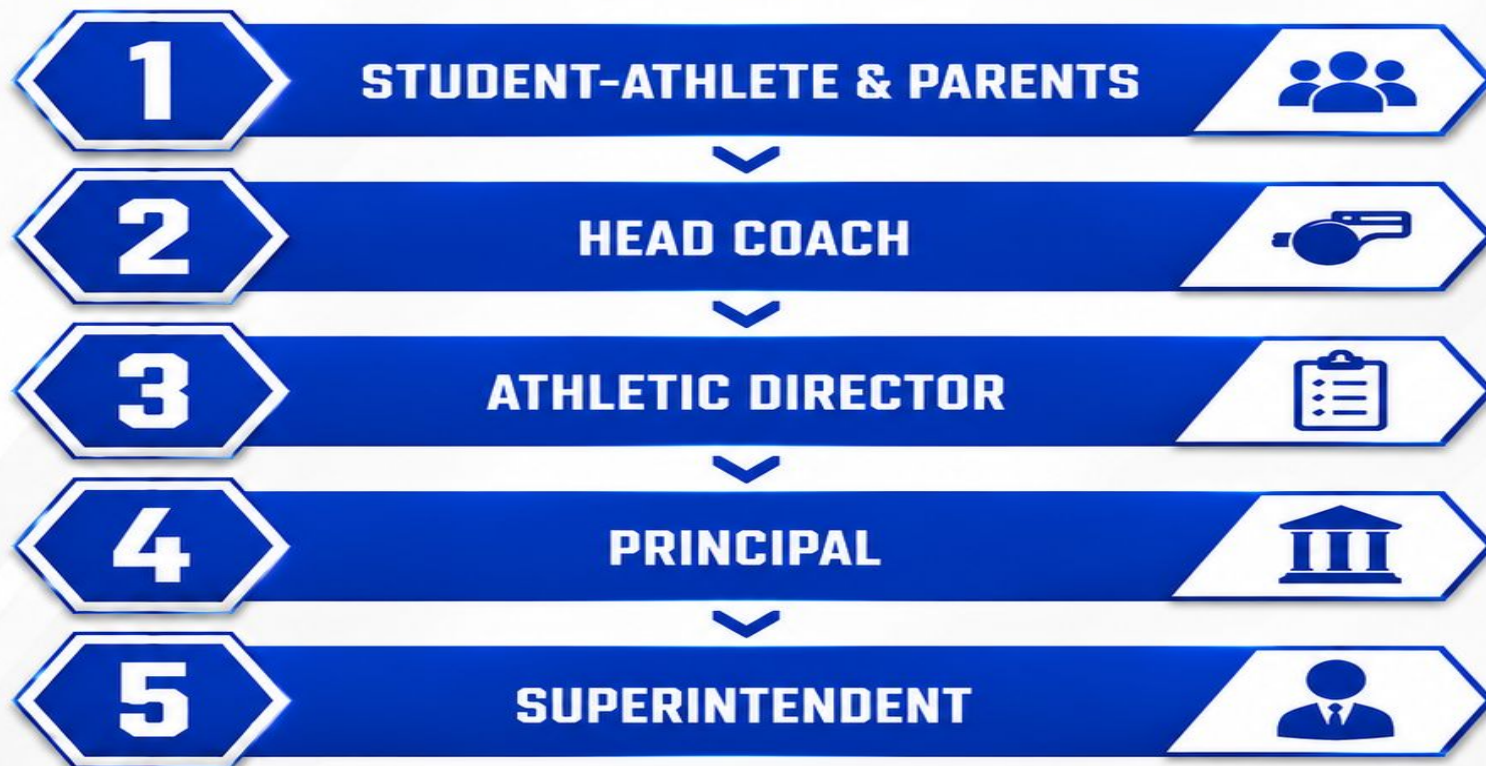


Trust the coaching staff.

PASSION IS WELCOME. NEGATIVITY IS NOT.



COMMUNICATION PROCESS



24-HOUR COMMUNICATION GUIDELINE



PLEASE ALLOW
AT LEAST **24 HOURS**
FOLLOWING ATHLETIC
CONTESTS BEFORE
CONTACTING COACHES.



RESPECTFUL
COMMUNICATION
LEADS TO
PRODUCTIVE
CONVERSATIONS.



UNDERSTANDING OUR ROLES

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR • PRINCIPAL • SUPERINTENDENT



WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR

THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, PRINCIPAL, AND SUPERINTENDENT:



SUPPORTING STUDENT-ATHLETES

Student safety, well-being, academic success, character development, and a positive athletic experience.



SUPPORTING OUR COACHES

Providing resources, guidance, and support for our coaching staff.



POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Ensuring compliance with school, league, and OHSAA rules and regulations.



ELIGIBILITY & ACADEMICS

Supporting academic eligibility and maintaining eligibility requirements.



PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Facility use, scheduling, transportation, budgets, and long-term program development.



WHAT WE ARE **NOT** HERE FOR

THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, PRINCIPAL, AND SUPERINTENDENT:



✗ PLAYING TIME

Decisions about playing time, starting lineups, substitutions, or individual athlete roles.



✗ COACHING PHILOSOPHIES

A coach's coaching style, philosophy, or approach.



✗ PLAY CALLING OR STRATEGIES

In-game decisions, play calling, or game strategies.



✗ TEAM SELECTION OR CUTS

Decisions about team selection, roster size, or position assignments.



✗ DAY-TO-DAY COACHING DECISIONS

Substitutions, rotations, practice plans, or other tactical decisions.



COACH EXPECTATIONS



Teach, lead, and mentor



Communicate clearly and professionally



Build positive relationships



Hold student-athletes accountable



Represent Poland with pride



Uphold The Poland Standard

**COACHES ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE
DEVELOPMENT OF OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES.**





PRACTICE & SIDELINE *EXPECTATIONS*



Practices are for coaches and student-athletes.



Spectators must remain in designated viewing areas.



Activity areas are restricted to coaches and student-athletes.



Coaches are responsible for instruction, supervision, & team management.



Questions/concerns should follow the established communication process.



**WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION
WITH THESE EXPECTATIONS.**



**THE NAME ON THE FRONT
IS BIGGER THAN THE NAME ON THE BACK.**



ONE POLAND. ONE STANDARD.

TELLING THE
POLAND STORY

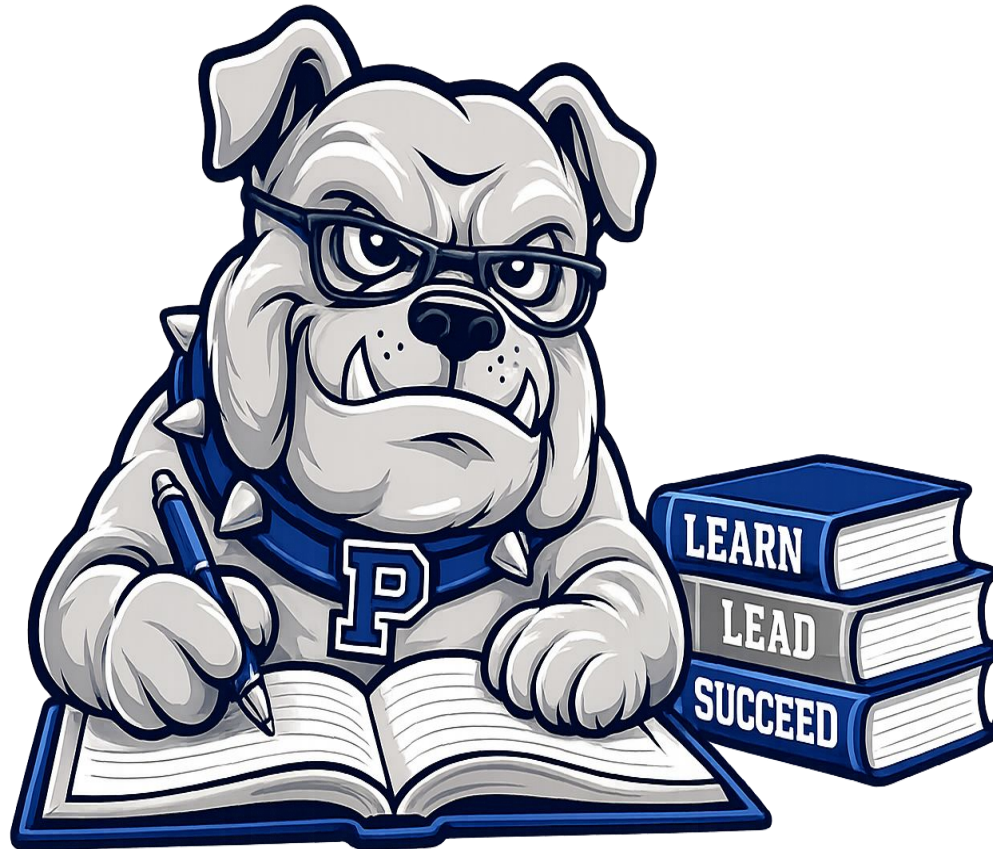
NICO RUGGIERI



Director of Communications



Things to Know





SNOW DAY PROCEDURES

- ▶ If school is canceled, all 7th, 8th, and 9th grade athletic events and practices are canceled.
- ▶ Varsity events may still take place with superintendent approval.



COLLEGE VISITS

- ▶ For a college visit to be an excused absence, the visit must be for the student-athlete specifically.
- ▶ Visits for siblings or other family members are not excused.
- ▶ A signed note from a college official or coach verifying the student-athlete's visit is required.
- ▶ **Notify your coach at least 48 hours in advance of the college visit.**



TICKETS & ADMISSION



CASH ONLY AT ALL NE8 ATHLETIC EVENTS

VARSITY TICKETS

\$8

ADULT

\$5

STUDENT

MIDDLE SCHOOL TICKETS

\$5

ADULT

\$4

STUDENT

ALL SALES ARE FINAL



SALEM



QUAKERS

BEGINNING IN
2027-28

SALEM JOINS THE NE8



2027-28
START DATE



ALL SPORTS
JOIN THE NE8



FOOTBALL
REMAINS IN THE EBC



Welcome Salem
— TO THE NORTHEAST 8 CONFERENCE! —





WINTER SPORTS ACTIVITY PASS

POLAND BULLDOGS



ADULT
SEASON PASS

\$65



STUDENT
ALL-SEASON PASS

\$30



SALES BEGIN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

P SENIOR PASSES

AGE 62+



FREE LIFETIME PASS

- Available through the athletic office.
- No annual renewal required.
- Valid driver's license required for residency verification.



\$25 ANNUAL PASS

- Includes admission to all Poland regular season home athletic events.
- Available through the athletic office.
- Valid driver's license required.



**PASSES AVAILABLE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**



POLAND ALL SPORTS BOOSTERS

Recent Booster funding and projects include:



Purchased 7th and 8th grade football uniforms

\$7,000



Purchased a Digital Hall of Fame touchscreen and software package for the Fieldhouse

\$5,000



Awarded (4) \$500 Myron Stallsmith Scholarships

\$2,000



Contributed of \$1,000 toward the purchase of a new Softball pitching machine

\$1,000



HUDL for all sports

\$6,000



POLAND

ALL SPORTS

BOOSTERS



FUNDRAISING EVENTS



GOLF OUTING (SPRING)



BULLDOG 100 RAFFLE (FALL)



YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (WINTER)



**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
& AD INFORMATION**



GOLF OUTING



BULLDOG 100 RAFFLE TICKETS



YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES
SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**



**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
& AD INFORMATION**



**WE NEED
YOU!**

★
**ACTIVE
BOOSTER MEMBERS
WANTED**

POLAND ALL SPORTS BOOSTERS



★
GET INVOLVED!

CONTACT CHAD BRANT TO LEARN MORE!



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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING POLAND ATHLETICS!



Status

Name

Sports/Activities

Actions

 **Unsigned Forms**

(Click to notify student)

Physical expires on 7/11/26 (in 33 days)

 Blanch, Cassandra "Cassie"

CRBlanch@student.polandschools.org

12th Grade

 Add Sports/Activities Update Forms PPE Medical 1 Profile Edit Contact Information Student Handbook Acceptable Use Policy 1:1 Chromebook Policy Consent to Release Photo/Image Transportation Information Health History & Medical Profile Annual Notice of Health Care Services Medications Injuries & Hospitalizations Past & Ongoing Health Conditions Emergency Medical Authorization Free & Reduced Price Meals Medication Policy Acknowledgment Attendance Policy Coach-to-Student Communication School Based Social Work Services Student Data & Technology Provider FERPA Directory Information**FINAL FORMS****Completed
Annually****Required for
Participation**



STUDENT ATHLETIC *PHYSICALS*



GOOD FOR ONE YEAR.



ONCE PHYSICAL IS COMPLETED:

- 1** Turn in to Kirstie, our athletic trainer.
_____ **OR** _____
- 2** Scan and upload the completed physical to your child's FinalForms account.



PLEASE DO NOT
HAND THE PHYSICALS
TO COACHES.



FINALFORMS

ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED



GREEN

FINALFORMS

STUDENT REGISTRATION
& ATHLETIC FORMS

Student Information	Completed	✓
Parent/Guardian Information	Completed	✓
Emergency Contacts	Completed	✓
Health History	Completed	✓
Preparticipation Physical	Completed	✓
Additional Forms	Completed	✓

**ALL FORMS MUST BE GREEN
BY THE OFFICIAL START DATE
OF YOUR SPORT.**

**NO GREEN = NO TRYOUTS
OR PARTICIPATION.**



**YELLOW
NOT READY**



**RED
NOT READY**



HEALTH & SAFETY

OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES' HEALTH COMES FIRST



CONCUSSION PROTOCOL



BASELINE TESTING



**INJURY COMMUNICATION
& RETURN-TO-PLAY**



ATHLETIC TRAINER

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL MEETING



BOYS BASKETBALL

FIELDHOUSE LOBBY



GIRLS BASKETBALL

AUDITORIUM



SWIM & DIVE

LIBRARY



WRESTLING

CAFETERIA



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

PLEASE REPORT DIRECTLY TO YOUR SPORT'S BREAKOUT SESSION

