

Park Tennis Philosophy

The first thing that you must understand is developing the necessary commitment to our program is where tennis fits in your life. We do not expect that tennis will rule your life, or that your commitment to our program is the biggest commitment you should make.

Your biggest commitment should be the one you make at home. Whatever problems a student athlete faces at home will inevitably carry over on to the tennis court as well. Student athletes should not lose track of their responsibilities at home and should work together with parents to make sure that these responsibilities remain clearly visible through communication.

Your second biggest commitment must be devoted to school. At Park you are a student athlete (notice, which word comes first), and it is impossible to have tennis without school. The tennis program at Park has a tradition of academic success and this year will be no exception.

Your next commitment is to Tennis. Tennis must take precedence over work, social life, and other sports and interests if possible. Tennis is a short season and your teammates are counting on your commitment. If something comes up, we just ask you to communicate ahead of time.

It is vitally important that you understand that even though you do have other commitments that are bigger than tennis, taking care of these commitments should not happen at the expense of tennis if possible! Plan ahead so that your commitment to tennis does not suffer or decline simply because you have other priorities.