

# *Tips for Parents*

*The role of parent of an athlete is not an easy one, and it takes some effort to be done well. Although it sounds simple, good communication is often the key to providing the best support possible. Keeping these ideas in mind will help the communication process between athlete, parent, and coach. In my years of working with the Tennis program at Park, I truly feel that we are the most fortunate coaches at the school when it comes to the relationships with our parents.*

**1. Get to know Coach Townsend, Coach Glade and Coach Schrankler so that you can be assured that the philosophy, ethics, attitudes and knowledge are such that you are happy your son is under their leadership.**

**2. If there is a problem regarding your child, Coach Townsend will be happy to discuss the issue over the phone or in person. Please call my cell phone at 612-554-1912 and I will get back to you.**

**3. Discussions regarding playing time, position, and strategies will not be discussed. Please remember that this is competitive HS tennis and is not a recreational league.**

**4. Please try not to talk to the coach regarding problem issues before, during or after a match.**

**5. Please remember that all coaches' decisions are based on the best interests of the:**

- A) The Tennis Program**
- B) Team**
- C) Individual**

**Try and understand the philosophy behind coaching decisions and remember there are two sides to every story.**