

## PARTICIPATION IN ST. JOHNSBURY ACADEMY CLUBS/ATHLETICS

### **Goal of St. Johnsbury Academy Campus Life Program** (*from StJA website*)

*What students learn outside of the classroom is often as meaningful as what they learn inside. What students do, what organizations they join, what activities they participate in, what sports they play, determine the overall quality of their Academy experience.*

*The Campus Life Program provides many opportunities for students to engage in activities during the school year. The mission is to create a social and cultural experience on campus which will foster student leadership, community involvement, and personal growth. Each of our programs is intended for active membership and participation; though not required, students are encouraged to be involved in these extracurricular activities as it is an integral part of Academy life.*

### **Community Participation in the Campus Life Program** (*Extra-Curricular Activities*)

On occasion adult members of the community and/or non-St. Johnsbury Academy students make requests to participate in or support extra-curricular activities, such as clubs, competitive teams, and performing ensembles.

**Adults:** In general, the involvement of adults who are not Academy faculty or staff is limited to assisting or supporting, rather than participating in extra-curricular activities.

Faculty and staff are responsible for seeking approval from the Headmaster's Office in advance of activities that may include adults who are not Academy employees. Intermittent involvement in an activity, such as returning alumni helping with a sports practice, requires constant and direct "line of sight" supervision by our full-time faculty or staff. Faculty and staff are required to provide written notice to the Headmaster's Office when adults involved in these activities are on-campus.

More regular and involved support by an adult requires a background check and fingerprinting as outlined in Chapter 16 of the Vermont education statutes. **Transporting students in personal vehicles is not covered under St. Johnsbury Academy's insurance.**

**Students and Other Minor Children:** Our first charge is to meet the extra-curricular needs of Academy students and ensure the safety of all students in our care. Therefore, the participation in extra-curricular activities by middle or high-school age students who are not enrolled in the Academy is limited.

Faculty and staff are responsible for seeking approval from the Headmaster's Office in advance of any activities where they wish to include young people (minors) who are not Academy students. Provided involvement of non-Academy students is approved, the Academy will assess a participation fee and secure written parent/guardian permission before the non-Academy student may be included. (Activity moderators may request the Headmaster waive a fee) Faculty and staff are required to provide written notice to the Headmaster's Office when non-Academy students involved in these activities are on-campus.