



Dear Rancho Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are excited to introduce an enriching opportunity for our students at Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School - the formation of this year's eSports Team! eSports, or competitive video gaming, is rapidly becoming a platform for teamwork, strategic thinking, and skill development, all while fostering a sense of camaraderie among students. We believe this venture aligns perfectly with our commitment to offering diverse and engaging extracurricular activities.

Our eSports Team will be participating in a variety of games and competitions, providing students a chance to showcase their talents and dedication in a digital arena. We are pleased to inform you about the schedule and safety measures we have put in place to ensure a secure and enjoyable experience for all participants.

Schedule: Wednesday and Thursday game sessions will be held in the library on our school campus from the end of school until approximately 5:00 pm. A dedicated coach will be present to oversee the gameplay, offer guidance, and ensure a positive and inclusive environment. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to interact, learn, and collaborate with their teammates in person. We have a limited number of Switch consoles available and encourage students to bring their own device. Parents and students must complete a contract in order to bring their device to school.

Cyber Safety: We understand that ensuring your child's safety in the online world is of utmost importance. Rest assured, we take cyber safety seriously and have implemented the following measures:

1. **Anonymous User Names and Gamer Profiles:** Students will login to the league website with an anonymous username and profile. Their in game name will be displayed and is of their choosing. We encourage all students to use anonymous usernames or gamer profiles during gameplay. This not only protects their personal information but also fosters a sense of privacy and security.
2. **Strict Code of Conduct:** Our eSports Team will adhere to a comprehensive code of conduct that promotes respectful and responsible behavior. Any breach of this code will be dealt with promptly and appropriately.
3. **Supervision and Monitoring:** Please be aware that all interactions within the esports league chat are recorded and can be reviewed. This is to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all participants. Our coaches and school staff will closely monitor these interactions to ensure that conversations are positive and respectful. Any inappropriate behavior will be addressed promptly.

As you may know, funding is limited for after school programs so donations are key to helping keep our program alive and growing. If you are willing and able, we would appreciate **a program donation of \$30 cash to the office or the coaches**. This donation helps to offset the costs of games, consoles, subscriptions, equipment, and tournament fees. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are committed to working together to provide the best experience for our students. Thank you for your support in making this endeavor a success.

Sincerely,

David Galli

Garrick Langer



Team Code of Conduct

As a member of the Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School eSports Team, I commit to upholding the highest standards of REACH: Responsibility, Effort, Attitude, Character, and Honor. This code of conduct outlines the expectations for my conduct during practices, games, and all team-related activities.

Responsibility:

- I will take ownership of my actions both in-game and in interactions with teammates and opponents.
- I will maintain my gaming equipment, ensuring it's in good condition for practices and matches.
- I will adhere to scheduled practice times and communicate promptly about any absences.

Effort:

- I will put forth my best effort in every practice and game, striving to improve my skills and contribute to the team's success.
- I will be prepared and attentive during practices, actively engaging in drills and strategy discussions.
- I will actively communicate with my teammates, sharing insights and working together to enhance our gameplay.

Attitude:

- I will approach every practice and game with a positive and sportsmanlike attitude.
- I will avoid negative communication, such as trash talk, and instead offer encouragement and constructive feedback.
- I will demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges, treating victories and losses with grace.

Character:

- I will exemplify good character by showing respect to all teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials.
- I will refrain from cheating, exploiting glitches, or engaging in any unethical behavior that undermines fair play.
- I will prioritize teamwork and camaraderie over individual accomplishments.

Honor:

- I will uphold the honor of our school and team by displaying ethical behavior both within and outside of the gaming community.
- I will use anonymous usernames and gamer profiles to safeguard my personal information and privacy online.
- I will respect the rules of each game and abide by the decisions of officials and referees.



Failure to adhere to this code of conduct may result in disciplinary actions, including temporary or permanent removal from the eSports Team. It is essential that all team members contribute to a positive and respectful environment that promotes growth, learning, and enjoyment.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the eSports code of conduct expectations.

I hereby permit my child, _____ to participate in the Rancho-Starbuck eSports Club. I am aware eSports will feature video games that will have a rating of "E 10+" for Everyone over 10 as specified by the Entertainment Software Ratings Board (ESRB). I am also aware that my child's voice and gameplay may be video recorded and clips of the recording may be posted to a school sponsored Twitch, and/or YouTube Channel, and other related media sources. These video clips will be used for competitive, promotional, and advertising purposes. I understand that, due to the nature of online gameplay, my student may be playing games against people outside of our school organization. I understand that the school and the coaches cannot monitor all conversations that take place within a game between random online opponents and/or teammates. Participants also need a personal email account to participate. **I release the school and its representatives from liability for any and all damages that may occur from my student participating in this activity. I take responsibility for my student's actions should they damage school property.**

Student Signature

Print Parent Name

Signature

Date

Donation Information

Please include a cash donation of \$30 or more if you are able to support our program.

If you are willing to bring your own Nintendo Switch console to school please fill out the back of this page as well.



Personal Nintendo Switch Contract

Dear **Parents/Guardians**:

Thank you for your willingness to allow your student to bring their Nintendo Switch console to Rancho-Starbuck for their personal use for participation in our eSports program. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read this contract in its entirety and that Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School, the Lowell Joint School, and their representatives are not responsible for theft, loss, or damage to student owned Nintendo Switch devices and accessories. Students take full responsibility for their device and it will be used exclusively for eSports practices and games.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Dear **Students**:

Your signature below acknowledges that you have read this contract in its entirety and that you will take exclusive responsibility for your device. You agree that you will use your Nintendo Switch only during eSports practices and games. Unauthorized use of your Nintendo Switch will result in confiscation of the device and your parents will need to pick it up in the office afterschool. Continued unauthorized use may result in disciplinary action and removal from the eSports team. Your Switch must stay in your backpack and must return home with you after practice.

Print Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____