

# Sentry II

## Parents: ease up on students during games

Parents at football games are supposed to be a supportive force. Ideally, they are there to solely support their children and their children's team. But recently at Jackson Prep football games, students are reporting parents to be quite the opposite force.

Students at Jackson Prep reported getting yelled at by parents during games. Not only do the students at the school not appreciate this behavior, they find it frankly offensive. Students, who are listening to their teachers/coaches, continually have to choose between listening to the yelling parents in the stands or their instructors. The parents behaving in this fashion may not be setting the best example.

Instead of acting as a force to intimidate and frustrate students who are trying to do a good job, parents need to act positive towards children competing in what is, after all, a high school football game. Understandably, parents have a right to have an opinion about the game, just like the rest of us. However, students are not seen screaming directly at their fellow students.

Additionally, parents need to allow students to use whatever materials they want in the student section.

Students are not allowed to use confetti, water guns, or other accessories during the football game. Parents and the school likely discouraged this use due to the effects it will have on them. Once again, it is not all about the parents. It is about the students having fun and enjoying the football game. Now that we are in the midst of the Jackson Prep football season, parents: please take these concerns into consideration.



Some students feel tempted to put up this sign during football games  
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