

## VIRTUS TRAINING AND BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL COACHES

As coaches, you are responsible for the players on your team while they are at practice or games. Most parents drop off the children, leave and return to pick them up. Parents should not leave siblings unattended at practices/games. Make it clear that parents should pick their children up promptly after practices or games. However, if they are late, then an adult must remain with the child until the parent arrives.

Another requirement for all coaches and assistant coaches is to have a criminal background check performed and to attend a child abuse seminar offered by the Diocese called Virtus. If you took some other seminar, that does not count. The Diocese says you must take Virtus. If you got your background check and went to Virtus last year (even at another parish), then you need not repeat.

All coaches are asked to call Mrs. Nadia Alarabi in the main office of Corpus Christi (703-820-7450 ext. 10) for verification on your status with the Diocese. She will be keeping myself and Mr. Garcia apprised of your status. Forms for the background check can be picked up at the Corpus Christi School Office or you can visit the Virtus link on the school website to download all the forms and instructions, <http://www.corpuschristischool.org/pagecache/306-Virtus-Compliance.html>.

Volunteers no longer need to be fingerprinted, but you still need to complete the background checks, complete a Diocesan Questionnaire and attend Virtus training.

You can go to the Virtus website – [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) – to find locations and times for future seminars and to register for a session. You should do this ASAP, first, because it is a mandatory requirement and, second, because seminars fill up quickly. They are usually on a Saturday morning so you don't want to wait because it will conflict with games. There is no charge for this. Once in the website, click on "registration", click on Diocese of Arlington, and then follow directions.

**Remember, this is mandatory and you cannot be a coach or assistant without having the background check or taking the Virtus seminar.**