

# **Sportsmanship Summit 2014-15**

The sportsmanship summits continued in the fall of 2014 at Fairview High School. About 100 participants including coaches, ADs, and student athletes from the league schools. One part of the day's focus was the relationship with officials. Long time official Ken Wozniak was a guest speaker, who discussed officiating, how to become an official, and also answered questions from the audience.

The groups began again with another type of ice breaker to allow the student athletes to find things out about their other "comrades". The continued points in these gatherings is not just to understand what being good sports mean, but also to develop long lasting friendships with other schools, and also develop strong leadership skills.

The other emphasis with the groups at Fairview was to take the ideas from the previous year and discuss what the students and schools could do to implement their ideas. Groups discussed, and then made posters to place around the gym with their ideas. The purpose of the day was to develop something tangible and specific to take back to their home schools to incorporate sportsmanship.

The second sportsmanship summit for 2014 was to take place at Au Gres High School. It was held at AGS on Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 75 student athletes were present along with 5 – 10 athletic directors/administrators. The majority of planned activities placed the emphasis on leadership.

Groups began with ice breakers (gum activity and Human machine). The gum activity related the flavor of the gum fading to a comparison of leaders. The human machine allowed the chosen groups to pick a card, imitate the machine listed on the card (blender, vacuum, school

bus, fan, etc.) The groups eventually had to guess what the group was "supposed to be". There were also 6 break out sessions which the groups took part in, which varied from sportsmanship ideas, designing t shirts, leadership and communication skills, and acting out certain scenarios.

A handful of "games" were thrown in that gave the student/athletes a break and an enjoying time. The summit finished with an enjoyable mascot dance off, with mascots from 6 of the schools. Congratulations to the Tiger student mascot from Alcona. The next spring sportsmanship summit will take place at Oscoda.