

## **WHAT WE BELIEVE**

### **Wesleyan Football: Mission and Beliefs**

*We believe...*

*...in supporting the overall Christian mission of Wesleyan School which includes discipling our players in a relationship with our Lord.*

*...that our program-specific mission is to encourage, model, and cultivate Godly character in our young men using football as our medium.*

*...in family—a selfless devotion to each other, our program, and the importance of overcoming adversity and meeting challenges together.*

*...in winning the right way, with honor, sportsmanship, and discipline.*

*...in something bigger than ourselves.*

*...that academics should come before athletics. Football should and will always take a backseat in the face of a player's academic needs assuming that first a reasonable effort has been made by the student/athlete to manage both.*

*...in demonstrating an allegiance to and a respect for the school's policies regarding off-the-field conduct and decision-making.*

*...that it is always best to hold each other accountable and that self-discipline is more valuable than any other type.*

*...in respect for teammates, coaches, and opponents; in great effort and attitude; and in an up-tempo approach to preparation, practice and play.*

*...that coaches, players, and parents should conduct themselves at all times with the grace, humility, and high character befitting a Christian school and a first-class program.*

*...in clear, concise, and frequent communication between everyone involved with our program.*

*...in managing conflict constructively and in such a way that facilitates a positive outcome. This will include meetings between parents, players, and coaches involved in disputes.*

*...that the varsity will put the best eleven players on the field at a time in an effort to win every game decisively but never with the intent to humiliate nor degrade an opponent.*

*...that it is in the best interest of player development to separate the JV and varsity teams, to limit the number of players who swing between both, and to recruit and train a separate coaching staff specifically for the Junior Varsity.*

*...that all MS players should participate in all MS games and that having a positive experience at this level lays a strong foundation for the future of Wesleyan football.*

*...that football is an extremely demanding sport that requires a substantial commitment throughout the calendar year in order to be successful. The team that works the hardest is more often than not the one that wins..*

*...that participation in this program will prepare you to make a positive contribution to society in the years to come.*

*...that our players should be positive leaders on the field, in the classroom, at home, when gathered with friends about town, and after they have left Wesleyan.*

*...that brotherhood, family, and honor are not antiquated concepts but rather precepts to be lived.*