# Tuesday, April 28 @ 7:00

**Onteora High School Auditorium**

**THE DESIRE TO PLAY COLLEGE ATHLETICS:**

***“Recruiting”, Volunteering, Social Media & Anti-Bullying***



Speaker Mark Leinweaver of PERFECT PLAYCEMENT is an MLB Sports Agent & former non- scholarship Division II athlete who has spent two decades working in pro & college sports.

He educates students, parents and coaches on how to best approach the college selection &

“recruitment” process – and how *character matters* – starting with a simple, realistic plan.

Athletes who actively participate on their varsity & summer teams *could* play at the next level but HAVE TO identify and pursue that “perfect” college FIRST and the sport second.

Important decision-making factors, too often overlooked, include finding a school that is…

1. **Right in Student Body Size**
2. **Comfortable Proximity from Home**
3. **Has the Desired Field(s) of Study**
4. **Offers Extracurricular Opportunities**
5. **Proper Athletic Level of Competition**

Once those factors are identified, it is the role of the STUDENT – not their coach – to contact those college programs directly & communicate with the staff. Less than 8% of seniors will make any college team regardless of sport, gender or division (D 1, 2, 3 & NAIA combined).

Thus, before and during the college selection process, every family should also consider…

1. **Financially investing in academics (10% to class / tutor VS. showcase / club teams).**
2. **Achieving academic / merit VS. athletic scholarships (all money is created equal).**
3. **Getting cut DOESN'T mean collegiate athletic career is over (volunteer for program).**

Athletes: Volunteer In Society, Be Aware of Social Media Dangers & Lead in Anti-Bullying!

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