

Gridiron Minutes 8th grade Meeting
April 13, 2021

Time start: 6:30 pm

People in attendance: Coach Brown, Coach Wrench, Karen Martines, Heather Rivard, Cathy Thiry, Tim Cunninham, Pekar, Kallay, Schiek, Semancik, Stamborski, Kostowicz, Hernandez, Putnam, Bloedel, Schultz, Hefter, Valentine, Guenther, Reifschneider, Lund, Petkonch, Rehl, Miller, Hubaez, Wrench, Tait

Welcome and Introductions: Karen Martens had families introduce themselves. Facebook page is not working right now. Please let us know if you are not receiving emails or Facebook updates.

Coach Brown introduction

Background Coach has been coaching for 28 years. Started coaching in the 92-93 school year.

Number one goal: Maximize whatever your children are able to do.

Practice is priority. Missed practices are documented, including injuries.

JV/Varsity practice together

No weekend practice but one Saturday at the beginning of season

8th graders are encouraged to come for weight lifting which is led by 3 captains.

Summer-coaches can only work with the players for 5 days in summer

Important dates

Training in the summer twice per week in addition to Mr. Freitag's camp

June 10th Practice for 2 hours (shorts, tshirt, tennis shoes) for ALL players to practice drills that the kids can use all summer long; gets to meet coaches.

July 19-22 Football camp will be on the website with details. If you send in a check for the camp, it will not be cashed until a few weeks before the camp. 8th graders are also at the camp. After camp, may be asked to do the Freshman practice and then varsity practice. **LAST DAY OF CAMP** is a picnic for players and families. You will pick up signs, gold cards (20 cards to sell per player)

Aug 3rd first day of practice:

August will also have a team bonding/volleyball get together

Coach Wrench (Freshman Coach) introduction

Will probably have an A and B schedule due to number of freshman

Games on Mondays

Parents keep an eye on who your child is hanging out with-be noseey.

Encourages a balanced diet-might need extra protein such as chocolate milk or chicken

Been coaching for 20 years, at franklin for 9 years

Freshman is ONE team: A games follow the conference schedule like the varsity; B games play other non conference teams

A games-players earn a spot to play in the A games; if the player gets a lot of play in an A game, then he will not play in B game

Every week is a new chance to earn a spot on the A games. If you have questions about playing time, please ask your child first.

Attendance is tracked daily for practice. If a player is failing a class, the player will not play

Freshman practice 3:30-5:45pm and 3:30-4:30 on Friday during the season.

Football yard signs will be for sale. Order form will be available on the website. Pick up during camp.

End time: 7:09 pm

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Welcome and Introductions: Karen Martens:

Parents are welcome to take a t-shirt from the last charity event. If you would like to give a donation you can bring it to May 11th meeting at which time a check will be written to the charity. Game schedule and meeting minutes will be posted on website soon. Facebook is not working right now. Tricia Burkett will start a new page and we will send out an email with the link.

50 New football yard signs will be available for purchase. Gridiron will pay for the signs upfront and then parents will reimburse/pay at the picnic.

Meeting Minutes Approval for March Meeting- Amy Bartel and Heather Rivard

Budget Update- Tim Cunningham: Not many changed due to COVID, however, the plan is to continue with fundraisers for the upcoming year

Volunteers for Committees and events - Karen Martens

Please attend committee meetings.

Many committee chairs are senior parents so we need people to help the committee chairs and to shadow the committee chairs so they know how to run the committee in the future.

Gold Cards: each player should sell 20 or 30 per family

Gold Outing - Heather Rivard

Date of golf outing is August 7th

Again a lot of senior parents run the golf outing so Heather would like other parents to come join to see how to run the golf outing.

Still looking for donations and sponsors and volunteers on the day of event-let heather Rivard know if you are able to help

Please share the golf outing flyer via Facebook if possible

More information via sign up genius will be posted to email

Working on using a platform to pay for the event.

Senior Scholarship Update - Jolene Nell

Gridiron gives \$3000 in scholarships to a graduating senior. Jolene has not gotten any senior essays. It is posted in numerous places. Coach Brown will forward the email to seniors again. **Due date is the end of April.**

Wrap up- Coach Brown

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Soon to be posted on website

August 20 away game

August 27 home game charity Night

September 10 parent night

September 17 home youth night

October 8 homecoming

October 15 Senior night

Pasta nights: (varsity and JV) Thursday nights before home game

August will also have a team bonding/volleyball get together

- Encourage your child to work out with other players. They can lift whenever they want during one of the 3 sessions any day after school. Senior captains have been working out with the 8th graders.
- This Sunday is a coaches meeting to talk about next year. Asking for a new, good end zone camera and a 2 man sled.
- Stay on your kids about their diet. Keep eating the right things. Push the veggies and protein. Should be eating a little more due to burning off a lot of calories.
- Stay on your kids about their grades. Need to have passing grades to play. Reach out to teachers for help.
- 7 V 7 at Wisconsin Lutheran on Sundays starting June- Coach Brown will post
- 7 V 7 at Marquette June 16, 23 July 7 and July 14-Coach Brown will post
- Coach reported that Mr. Hein is re-doing the entryway and virtual "wall of fame" on the walls; Coach would like to raise money for a trophy case for football. Coach will ask Mr. Hein how much he anticipates it will cost.
- Coach reported that Mr. Hein stated that students 16 and over who get vaccinated will not need to be quarantined due to COVID if they are in close contact with someone COVID positive.
- Weight room in mornings-not enough interest yet; waiting for spring sports to start; open at 6:40- needs 5-7 students in sports to support the morning weight sessions
- Weight training in summer will be AM and PM times

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 12 in FHS library (AP testing, do not move desks or tables)

End Time: 7:55