

MARCH 12, 2024 GRIDIRON MEETING

Welcome and Introductions – led by Karen. Persons in Attendance were: Andrea Boldrey, Merry Stein, Erica Carlson, Joe Timmer, Heather and Tim Cunningham, Gina Schiek, Kerstin Hefter, Jill Verges, Heather Piper, Rick Guenther, Mary Pekar, Jennifer Luna, Heather Herling, Michael Wrench, Dara Sievert, Judy MacKay, Jenny Chromy, Melissa Zielinski, Tammy Hertel, Lea Semancik, Amy Lund, Kristen Beglinger, Rashel Walman, Erica Krieger, Patrick Leon, Coach Brown, Karen Martens, and Shelley Bloedel

February Gridiron Meeting Minutes – Shelley; approved by Mike Wrench and seconded by Tim Cunningham.

Budget Review – Tim; bought the 5-man sled – paid; Iowa Clinic for Coaches (Coach Brown spoke) paid for by the Gridiron. Youth Program has a 3-man sled that FHS program can use.

Thank You to Ashley Schultz and some of the Senior Players for sending the Cheer Team off to State. (Purchased shamrock shakes and donuts for the girls.)

Senior Scholarships – Heather Piper; will blast the scholarship information (flyer will be added to Website as well). DUE BY April 26th; ANNOUNCED on May 29th (at Senior Awards Night). THREE (3) Scholarships will be awarded to the 2024 graduates and go directly to boys; we just ask for proof of enrollment.

Open Positions for 2024-2025 Season:

- Team Bonding – August 13th – Swagger host for volleyball; Rashel Walman and Heather Herling
- Homecoming Tailgate – all-inclusive for students; school orders pizzas.
 - Gridiron works tables and supplies drinks – band supplies desserts. September 27th is Homecoming. Heather and Tim Cunningham will help.
- Subs for Away Games – Katie Vallee
- Liaison for Dance – still needed
- Photographers – need for Freshman and JV – Rashel Walman will be photographer for JV.
- Banners – Patrick Leon volunteered.

Camp Cookout will be July 25th – Gold Cards will be handed-out.

2024/2025 JV/Varsity Banquet – Amy Lund and Mary Pekar will chair.

Youth Night AND Charity Night will be held at first home game on August 23rd.

Parent Night on September 13th

Homecoming on September 27th

Senior Night on October 11th

COACH BROWN UPDATE:

- gone to a few clinics recently; a few weeks ago – Coach Brown spoke at Iowa Clinic – had over 2,000 HS Coaches there – they invite successful Coaches from other states to speak. Coach Brown’s talk was on creative/innovative ideas for practice and camp – shared what is done in practice, the whole program in general – nice to share this with others.; State Clinic coming up in about 3 weeks – have 8 Coaches going to this Clinic.
- 3 kids in All Star game – can we email? Teagan, Cooper, and Manny – Gridiron supports each player too – the All Star game raises money for Children’s Hospital. Game is in mid-July. The Muskego head coach is the coach for that game;
- Coach’s calendar shared on the Gridiron website – has all the practices/games/etc.
- First 2 JV games will be on Thursdays – remaining schedule games will be held on Mondays after the Varsity games the previous Friday.
- Freshman games on Mondays – but 1st one will be on a Thursday.
- Reached out to all conference teams about their levels – Park and Horlick waiting to hear if they’ll have all 3 levels (Freshman, JV, and Varsity).
- 5-man sled should be received in the next few weeks.
- Maxed weights a few weeks ago. Have 11 kids I haven’t seen since football ended last season – 4 have responded to say they’re playing, but the remaining 7 haven’t replied, so Coach assumes they’re not playing. Boys are doing a good job of lifting together – much better than last year. Met with all classes individually – like where we’re headed – like a lot of competition for spots. Next group up! Offseason so far is as good as it’s been in a lot of years. It’s crammed in the weightroom – which is tough, but nice to see how much the boys are there. Coach Debelak will post the maxs for kids to see and strive for more.
- Captain’s vote in the next few weeks – juniors and seniors vote.
- Have ideas for next season’s theme, haven’t decided yet. Will run by Captains and senior leaders.
- Camp will be split again, as it was last year: 8-9th grades together and 10-12th grades together.

NEXT MEETING April 9th at 7:00 p.m. – will have 8th grade (incoming freshman) parents’ meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 9th.

SPARK Camp – Coach Brown will find out and get us information.

BLITZ DAY will be August 17th.

First Day of Practice is August 6th – need physical and to be registered for season BEFORE that date.

August 10th is Kickoff to Youth Football – want to make it an all-program event this year. (Involve high school players.)

If you know of any incoming Freshman parents – meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 9th.