



June 28, 2011

Hudson Raider Ninth Grade Football Players and Parents:

I hope that you are enjoying your summer. I wanted to send out this letter to invite you to join the Hudson High School football program. Included are upcoming events, dates, and times that you will want to know about as an incoming 9th grade football player.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Football Golf Fundraiser: *Friday, July 22nd*

We are excited to announce our sixth annual football golf fundraiser. The event is for anyone who wants to golf and support the Hudson football program, including family, friends, and community members. Anyone who wants to golf, sponsor a hole, donate raffle prizes, or be involved in organizing the event should contact Coach Kowles at the high school. This year's event will be held at Kilkarney Hills Golf Course on Friday, July 22nd and will include lunch, dinner, prizes, and a scramble tournament, and all ability levels are welcome.

ABC Football Camp: (*Monday - Thursday*) *July 18th - 21st*

Youth camp for grades 4 – 6 will be going on in the morning on these days and camp for grades 7 – 9 will run in the afternoon. Since 9th graders will not participate in mini-camp, they are encouraged to attend this camp, as we will begin to incorporate some of the high school's offensive and defensive philosophies. Camp is coached by the high school and middle school football staffs as well as by high school football players. Brochures will also be available soon and can be picked up from the athletic office at the high school or will be able to be found online at www.hudsonfootball.com.

Fall Practice Begins (*Two-a-days*): *Monday, August 8th*

The WIAA decided to move the start date of football up this year, so we will begin two-a-day practices for players in grades 10-12 on Wednesday, August 3rd. Incoming ninth graders will begin the following week on Monday, August 8th. Practice will go from 7:30 AM – Noon each day during the first two weeks of practice for ninth graders. Beginning the third week, Monday, August 22nd, practice will be from 3:00 – 5:00 PM for ninth graders and will continue this way once school begins and throughout the season.

Check in for ninth graders will be at 7:30 AM on the first day of practice and all players **must have an eligibility slip from the athletic office** to get equipment and participate. The athletic office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, August 1st and 2nd during the day to register for fall sports. If you don't know if you have an updated physical on file, check in the athletic office, and make sure that you have all other forms completed before August 8th.

Kickoff Breakfast: *Saturday, August 6th*

The kickoff breakfast will take place at 8 AM for players and parents of all grades 9-12. After the breakfast, we will have a brief parent's meeting for all parents in the program to go over all pertinent information about the upcoming season.

Conference Champions

1936, 1942, 1944, 1948, 1954, 1962, 1965, 1966, 1973, 1974, 1982, 2009

WIAA State Playoff Participants

1996, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009

Gold Card Blitz: Friday, August 12th

At 4:30 PM, teams of players in grades 9-12 will go out into the community to sell gold cards. This is our most important fundraiser of the year, and players will return to the school around 7:30 PM for a spaghetti dinner. Players will be put into selling teams and will be transported in cars driven by senior group leaders. We try to create each team with players from each grade as a way to get to know each other. Parents who have concerns about younger players riding with older players can provide their own transportation for their son if they wish.

Pre-Season Scrimmage: Friday, August 26th

Both ninth grade teams will scrimmage at East Ridge High School in Woodbury on Friday, August 26th at 4:00 PM.

HUDSON BENCHWARMERS

Hudson Benchwarmers is an organization of parents that support the Hudson High School football program. We invite all parents of Hudson football players to take an active part in the many activities sponsored by the Benchwarmers. To keep in touch with the happenings of Hudson Football and the activities of Hudson Benchwarmers, we would like to have your email address. This is the best way to know what's going on. Please e-mail Karen Meinke, the secretary of the Benchwarmers, at karen.kask-meinke@state.mn.us if you would like to receive information from the Benchwarmers.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

There will be no practice for ninth grade players on Friday, September 2nd of Labor Day weekend and also no practice on Labor Day, Monday, September 5th.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

We will continue to utilize the *Coaching to Change Lives* character curriculum at all levels. We feel that preparing the players to be great people in life is as important as anything that we can do as coaches, so we will designate some of our meeting times work on attitude, responsibility, leadership, goal setting, character, and self-image.

HONOR ROLLS

During the first semester of this school year, football players have done an outstanding job in the classroom. Of the 180 players in the program, **85% of the team was on either the A or B honor roll during the first semester.** Way to go, guys! Your hard work in the classroom is paying off. Keep up the great work and don't settle for anything less than your best in everything that you do. Remember, athletic participation is a privilege, and we must continue to work hard in the classroom. As a Hudson Football Player, you are expected to work hard in the classroom.

THANK YOU, PARENTS

As I prepared this letter, I realized how much time and how many sacrifices parents must make to support your son through the Hudson Football program. From participating in benchwarmer committees, to driving your sons to practice, to the support you give the team on game nights, we truly couldn't do this without you. The coaching staff sincerely thanks you and appreciates all that you do to help and support the program. Most importantly, we thank you for your trust in us and the opportunity to coach your sons.

OTHER THOUGHTS

We are all faced with difficult decisions in our lives. Make great choices. Be a leader, do what is right, and bring others along with you on your path. Remember, what is popular isn't always right, and what is right isn't always popular.

“Wisdom is knowing the right path to take...INTEGRITY is taking it.”

- M. H. McKee

Together, we can accomplish far more than we could ever do on our own. This is true both on the football field and anywhere else in life. Help others and treat people with respect. You never know what sort of battles other people of going through, but a little bit of support can go a long way. You can help to change the world one person at a time if you choose to.

“It is one of the greatest compensations in life that no one can help another without helping themselves.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

It often is a harsh reality, but hard work does not guarantee success. However, the only way to achieve success is through hard work. Set high goals for yourself, have a plan, and be determined to succeed. Know that there are always hills to climb and there will be setbacks, but never, ever, give up.

Challenge yourself in everything that you do. You will never know your full potential until you push yourself. Don't be satisfied with less than you can give. Help others do the same by leading the way through your example.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

- John Quincy Adams

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me through e-mail at kowlesaj@hudson.k12.wi.us or by phone at (715) 377-3800 ext 6218. Thanks again for all of your work with the football program as we look forward to the 2011 season.

Sincerely,

Adam Kowles
Head Football Coach

2011 HUDSON RAIDERS VARSITY FOOTBALL

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
SAT	AUG 13TH	SCRIMMAGE	HOME	NOON
FRI	AUG 19TH	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	HOME	7:00 PM
FRI	AUG 26TH	KENOSHA BRADFORD	AWAY	7:00 PM
FRI	SEPT 2ND	EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL	AWAY	7:00 PM
FRI	SEPT 9TH	SUPERIOR	AWAY	7:00 PM
FRI	SEPT 16TH	CHIPPEWA FALLS	HOME	7:00 PM
FRI	SEPT 23RD	RICE LAKE	AWAY	7:00 PM
FRI	SEPT 30TH	RIVER FALLS	AWAY	7:00 PM
FRI	OCT 7TH	MENOMONIE	HOME	7:00 PM
THU	OCT 13TH	EAU CLAIRE NORTH	HOME	7:00 PM

2011 HUDSON 9TH GRADE BLUE FOOTBALL

FRI	AUG 26TH	SCRIMMAGE AT EAST RIDGE	AWAY	4:00 PM
THU	SEPT 1ST	EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL	HOME	4:45 PM
THU	SEPT 8TH	TARTAN	HOME	4:00 PM
THU	SEPT 15TH	CHIPPEWA FALLS	AWAY	4:45 PM
THU	SEPT 22ND	RICE LAKE	HOME	4:45 PM
THU	SEPT 29TH	RIVER FALLS	HOME	4:45 PM
THU	OCT 6TH	MENOMONIE	AWAY	4:30 PM
THU	OCT 13TH	EAU CLAIRE NORTH	AWAY	4:30 PM

2011 HUDSON 9TH GRADE WHITE FOOTBALL

FRI	AUG 26TH	SCRIMMAGE AT EAST RIDGE	AWAY	4:00 PM
THU	SEPT 1ST	ST. CROIX CENTRAL	HOME	4:00 PM
THU	SEPT 8TH	OAK-LAND JR HIGH	AWAY	4:00 PM
MON	SEPT 12TH	TBA	TBA	4:00 PM
MON	SEPT 19TH	TBA	TBA	4:00 PM
MON	SEPT 26TH	TBA	TBA	4:00 PM
MON	OCT 3RD	TBA	TBA	4:00 PM
MON	OCT 10TH	TBA	TBA	4:00 PM