

MINNETONKA FOOTBALL



"Together We Will!"

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The coaching staff hopes you are excited for the 2009 football season! This newsletter contains important information regarding the upcoming football season. Please call Coach Nelson at 952-401-5948 if you have any questions. "Together We Will!"

Football Registration

Practice for all grades will begin on Monday, August 17. Players in Grades 9-12 should report to the Black Box by 8:00 AM.

Registration for football will now be done online. Your registration must be completed by Friday, August 14. Go to www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us. Click on Activities and then click on Registration. You will be directed through the registration process. Follow the registration instructions and pay fees online.

The Activity fee for football is \$190. There is also a one time annual Participation fee of \$60. Fees will be paid on line also. If you need financial assistance you must fill out an application from the George Soukup Foundation and drop it off in the Activities Office. To procure a Soukup Foundation application, go to www.minnetonkafootball.org. Information can be found on the home page. **You do not need to fill out a Soukup Foundation form if you completed one last spring. A copy of your form is in the Activities Office.**

If you are requesting a scholarship, are a transfer student, or foreign exchange student, you must speak with John Hedstrom (952-401-5901) or Paul Twenge (952-401-5902) in the Activities Office.

A current physical exam by a physician within the past three years must be on file in the Activities Office at the high school. Call Sandra Harris at 952-401-5903 or Ann Bailey at 952-401-5904 with questions pertaining to physicals, registration forms and fees. Players will not be allowed to practice unless they are cleared by the Activities Office.

Players can purchase food at the Pagel Center between practices or bring their lunch.

Players who have not picked up their equipment can do so on Monday, August 17 at 7:00 AM in the football locker room (Enter door 31S and go down the stairs to the locker room). You must have all forms and fee taken care of through the Activities Office before you will be issued equipment. Please bring \$5 for a lock deposit.

Player Apparel Orders

Player Apparel orders from this spring are being embroidered and will be available for handout on Monday, August 17.

Players have one last chance to order 2009 team warm up suits.

Varsity warm up suit - Nike jacket and pants with player name/number. Jacket is \$61 & pant is \$51.

Sophomore sweat outfit in black - Nike Hoody and pants with player name. Hoody is \$53 & pant is \$45

Freshmen sweat outfit in gray - Nike Hoody and pant. Hoody is \$36 and pant is \$35.

Forms are available in team locker room. Specify size and clearly print name for embroidery. Checks should be payable to Touchdown Club. **This is the last chance for player apparel and it must be turned in by the end of the day on Tuesday, August 18.** Forms are available in the team locker room. Email orders can be sent to ljharrin@aol.com.

Moms and Coaches Coffee

The annual Moms and Coaches Coffee will be held in the Team Room on Saturday, August 22. The morning begins at 9:00 AM. The program will conclude at 10:30 AM. This is a great opportunity to learn football from the Minnetonka staff and meet other moms in the program! Please contact Francine Boyce at ftboyce@aol.com with questions.

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Personal Parent Game Program Ad

The deadline for the Varsity Player Parent advertisement for the game program is nearing. Attached with this newsletter is the order form. Your ad should be 20 words or less. It is due by Saturday, August 22. The cost for your personal ad is \$50.

Annual Picture Day

Individual and team pictures will be taken on Wednesday, August 18 after the second practice. Freshmen players will take pictures from 2:30-3:30 PM. Sophomore players will take their pictures from 3:30-4:30 PM. Varsity pictures will begin at 5:00 PM. Players can order their pictures through Kemmetmueller Photography. Players will receive order information on Monday, August 17. Players must have their order form and check (made out to Kemmetmueller Photography) with them when they get their picture taken on Wednesday, August 19.

Champions Choice Gold Card Night

All players will be asked to participate in our annual Gold Card fundraiser. This year's Gold Card night will be held on Monday, August 24 from 5:00-9:00 PM. The TD Club will sponsor a BBQ after the second practice. Players

will go out and sell Gold Cards from

5:30-9:00 PM. All players must report back to the cafeteria at 9:00 PM. Cards sell for \$20. Checks should be made payable to the TD Club.

Players will receive their cards during the first week of practice and can begin pre-selling before the Blitz Night on the 24th. The goal for every player is to sell 20 cards. Proceeds help fund the Minnetonka Football Program.

Kickoff Night

This year, Kickoff Night will be held on Wednesday evening, August 26. The evening will begin with dinner sponsored by Maynard's Restaurant at 5:00 PM. An important parent meeting will be held at 6:00 PM. This parent meeting is mandatory. The parent meeting will be followed by an intrasquad scrimmage at 7:30 pm. A social will follow the scrimmage at 8:30 PM. Minnetonka merchandise will be sold throughout the evening. All players will be involved. Parents of Freshmen and Sophomores are asked to bring a dozen bars while parents of Juniors and Seniors are asked to bring a dozen cookies for the social. Please drop off your bars or cookies in the cafeteria. Kickoff Night is a great way to start the season!

Important Dates

Fall Practice Begins (9-12)
Monday, August 17
8:00 AM – Black Box

Gold Card Fundraiser
Monday, August 24
5:00-9:00 PM

Kickoff Night
Wednesday, August 26
6:00-7:00 PM Parent Meeting
7:30-8:30 PM Scrimmage
8:30 PM Social

Saturday Scrimmages
Saturday, August 29
9:00 AM @ Maple Grove (9)
9:00 AM @ Minnetonka (10-12)

Touchdown Club

We encourage every family to join the Touchdown Club this year.

The Touchdown Club has three primary goals:

- To support the football program financially
- To support special projects such as the game program
- To enhance the high school football experience for our players.

We appreciate your support!

2009 Varsity Schedule

2009 Varsity Football Schedule:		
9/4	Fargo North	Away
9/11	Wayzata	Home
9/17	Hopkins	Home
9/25	Armstrong	Away
10/2	Edina (HC)	Home
10/9	Detroit Lakes	Home
10/16	Stevens Point	Away
10/21	Wayzata	Away
10/27	6AAAAA Quarterfinals	
10/31	6AAAAA Semifinals	
11/6	6AAAAA Championship	
11/12	State 5A Quarterfinals	

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11/20 State 5A Semifinals
11/27 Prep Bowl

Video Production

We are looking for volunteers to help with video production of our Varsity games. Please contact Amy Barth at amyb@cambridge-commercial.com if you are interested in helping.

We are looking for help from directing, cameras, editing and final production. Help us preserve our Football Tradition for years to come!!

2009 JV Schedule

The coaching staff is making an effort to move all JV games to the day following the varsity game. This schedule makes it easier for our parents to attend the JV games. There is no question it helps the coaching staff focus on the JV team as opposed to playing during practice on Mondays.

2009 JV Football Schedule:

9/5	Roch. Century	10:00 AM
9/12	@ Wayzata	10:00 AM
9/18	@ Hopkins	4:00 PM
9/26	Armstrong	10:00 AM
10/3	@ Edina	10:00 AM
10/10	St. Th. Academy	1:00 PM
10/17	TBD	10:00 AM
10/22	Wayzata	4:00 PM

Labor Day Practice

The JV team will play Rochester Century at home at 10:00 AM on

Saturday, September 5. There will be practice for Varsity players not involved in the JV game on Saturday as well. There will be no practice for players on the

freshmen team over the Labor Day Weekend.

All sophomore and varsity players will practice on Labor Day (Monday, September 7) from 9:00 AM to Noon.

MEA Schedule

There will be no school on Thursday, October 15 or Friday, October 16 due to the Minnesota Education Association convention. The Varsity and Sophomore teams will be practicing on Thursday, October 15. Both teams will travel to Stevens Point, Wisconsin on Friday, October 16 to play the Panthers.

Friday, October 16

4:00 PM

Sophomores at Stevens Point

7:00 PM

Varsity at Stevens Point

The Freshmen team will not practice over MEA break.

Please schedule college visits that avoid conflicts with our practice schedule. Please call Coach Nelson at 952-401-5948 with questions.



Player Physicals

From now until the end of September, Target guests aged 18 months to 18 years can get a sports physical, which is normally \$59, for just \$29 at all Target Clinics in Minnesota. Target Clinics are located in select Target stores, and with no appointment necessary, parents can get their kids the checkup and documentation they need to head back-to-school or join the sports team - all at their convenience.

Target Clinic providers are qualified to perform physicals and provide the proper documentation for camp, school and sports teams. As certain restrictions may apply, a medical assistant is on hand to answer any questions parents may have.

The following Targets have Clinics in the store:

Minnetonka – Ridgedale
Minnetonka – 101/7
Eden Prairie
Hopkins - Knollwood

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JOIN THE TEAM ... KICK OFF NIGHT 2009

Wednesday, August 26th

MAYNARDS

Minnetonka High School Cafeteria

Menu: BBQ Pork/Brats

4:30 - 5:30 pm Players, Coaches, Band, Dance Team & Cheerleaders eat for free.

5:00 - 6:00 pm Parents & Fans, please join us!
\$5.00 per person



PARENT MEETING

Coach Nelson Address - Black Box Theater

6:00 - 7:00 pm Important Parent Meeting - All Parents of football players are expected to attend! Ample time will be provided to get to the scrimmage!



FOOTBALL

Annual Intra-Squad Scrimmage - Football Field

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm The Varsity Team will scrimmage on one end of the field.

The Sophomores and Freshman teams alternate scrimmaging on the other end of the field.

SOCIAL

Dessert & Social - Minnetonka High School Cafeteria

8:30 pm - 9:00 pm Following the scrimmage, dessert will be served.

FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORES - Please donate a dozen bars.

JUNIORS & SENIORS - Please donate a dozen cookies.

Dessert may be dropped off in the cafeteria before Coach Nelson's address to the parents. Thank you!

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Buy a Brick Fundraiser

Be a part of Minnetonka School District history by placing a personalized brick in the Circle of Support.

Go to
www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/tonkapride
for details.



Merchandise Sales

Show the Skipper pride and wear Tonka gear. Stop by and pick up your Tonka apparel!



Join the Touchdown Club

Become involved in the football program by joining the Touchdown Club. Membership forms will be available at the Kickoff Night.



Marching Band, Dance Team, and Cheerleaders

Kickoff Night will include performances by our Marching Band, Dance Team and Cheerleaders.



**PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENT ORDER
FORM for the
MINNETONKA FOOTBALL
2009 Game Program**

Your valued sponsorship is greatly appreciated
by every player of the Minnetonka High School Football Team.
The 2009 game program will be printed for each of our 4 home games

PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENT \$50

Parents of Varsity Players Only: The varsity team
includes all juniors and seniors who play football.
Please Limit Your Ad to *20 Words or Less.*

Name of Player _____ Grade _____

Submitted by: _____ Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Please remit payment and send order and check to:

Minnetonka Touchdown Club
c/o Linda Harrington
481 Trap Line Lane
Chanhassen, MN 55317

Call Linda Harrington 612-840-3556 with questions or email ljharrin@aol.com or
Linda.Harrington@minnetonka.k12.mn.us

****DEADLINE: AUGUST 18, 2009!**

Samples from past program: Block 'em hard #64 Enjoy your senior year – Love, Mom, Dad & Grant *OR* Play Hard and Have Fun. Good Luck Taylor! #7 *OR* Go Evan #3 Hit Hard, Have Fun Love Your Fan Base, Mom, Dad, Caitlyn, Sarah *OR* Go Jimmy #49 “Did Deep” and Have a Great Season Your Best Fans, Mom, Dad, Robert and Kathleen *OR* Go Nick #13 Play Hard – Have Fun. Enjoy the Season -Love, Mom & Dad



Minnesota Vikings Football

2009 Tonka Football Fundraiser

- Come see the Vikings and help Tonka Football raise money
- Tonka High School Football players will receive a Free ticket
- \$10 of every ticket sold will benefit Tonka High School Football

Please return this form with full payment to:

Minnesota Vikings
 Attn: Tonka Football
 500 11th Ave S
 Minneapolis, MN 55415
 Fax: (612) 333-0458

Date: _____

Account #: _____
(office use only)

DETAILS:

- Tickets will be discounted to \$25, normally \$48-\$86 each (save up to \$61), are located in the **upper level** of the Metrodome. Orders will be filled on a first come-first serve basis with the best available tickets at the time the order is received.
- **Act fast! Quantities are limited.** Offer valid while supplies last.
- Return this order form via mail or fax (612-333-0458) only. Your tickets will be mailed to the address below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Office :(_____) _____ Fax :(_____) _____ Home :(_____) _____

Email Address: _____

ORDER:

Friday, August 21st vs. Kansas City Chiefs @ 7PM # _____ @ \$25 per ticket = \$ _____

_____ Tonka player tickets FREE

Friday, September 4th vs. Dallas Cowboys @ 7PM # _____ @ \$25 per ticket = \$ _____

_____ Tonka player tickets FREE

*Orders must be received by the Monday prior to each game.

Handling + \$ 4.00

Total # of Tickets _____ **Total Due** = \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT (credit card only):

CHARGE #: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Signature: _____

(NOTE: Your credit card order cannot be processed without a signature)