



# THE YARDMARKER



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The 2009 football season begins Saturday. The coaches and players are anxious and ready to start. As game-day approaches, you can feel the excitement in the air. We had a very successful 4-way scrimmage with Wyandotte, Southgate and Melvindale last Thursday. All three teams played extremely well. Expectations are high and I believe the players and coaches are up to the task.

Please keep in mind a few details regarding the game on Saturday:

1. The 1st game is a pay game. This is one of two games that we charge admission for. Normally, we only have one "pay" game, however, this year we will have a second "pay" game as a fundraiser for a former league official who is having health problems.
2. Saturday is our "Parent's Day" game. Parents will be honored on the field prior to the beginning of each game. The players & cheerleaders will be announced and they will run a gift to their parents. Your participation is greatly appreciated.
3. Coaches will notify their teams of the time that they would like their players to arrive. Generally, it is one hour prior to the game. This is at the discretion of the coaches.
4. Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct color jersey - "RED". Every year someone shows up wearing the wrong color jersey.
5. Please cheer as loud as you possibly can. We'd like to maintain our reputation as the team with the loudest fans in the league.
6. Please make sure you fulfill your volunteer commitments. Contact Char Haener for details.

I encourage all of you to attend as many of the games as you can. Not only are you supporting the program, but it is entertaining as well. We will be selling merchandise at the game. The players always like to see a sea of red in the stands and it is a great way to support your kids. Remember to cheer along with the cheerleaders. These girls are out there every game cheering their hearts out in the cold and rain. If anyone remembers the Woodhaven game last year then you know what I am talking about. That was the most courageous display from a group of kids that I have ever witnessed.

Finally, I would like to share with you all a little tidbit about myself. About 33 years ago I was a freshman on the Huron River Yellow Jackets. As you can imagine, I know many of the coaches in their program today. I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to beating them.

**George Mrla**  
President, Grosse Ile Junior Devils Football



# VARSITY FOOTBALL

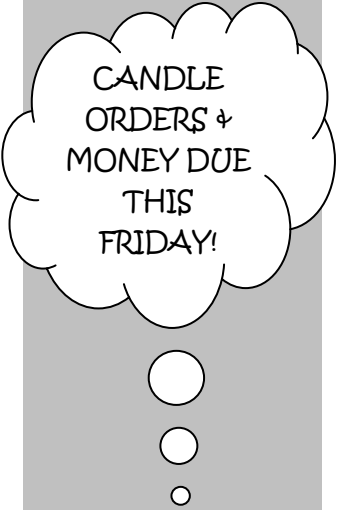
Well, the scrimmage showed us a lot. There were some impressive efforts by all, but we still have a lot to work on. It also showed that we are not in the physical condition we need to be in, but this week we will make sure that improves. A team with only 26 players must be in top condition to last and I think the team realized that in the scrimmage. We had a few minor injuries and that comes with being a Varsity Team in this league.

Now it's time to really get down to business and focus because the Huron River Yellow Jackets come to Devil's Island this Saturday.

Parents, thank you for coming out to the scrimmage and supporting our team. Be there LOUD and PROUD Saturday as our team strives for VICTORY!

Fire-up Big Red!

Coach Woods



GIYRA FOOTBALL'S ANNUAL  
PARENT'S PARTY  
 At Grosse Ile VFW (Macomb St.)  
 SATURDAY, SEPT 19th  
 7:00 PM

Pizza & pop will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass & a bottle of liquor (for a shot raffle).  
 If you would like an adult beverage, please BYOB.  
 Questions? Contact Margie at (734)558-5879

Come & Get to know your GIYRA family!

<u>Picture Day</u>
September 14
<u>Parents Party</u>
September 19 7pm

## JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

The four-way scrimmage was a good test for the Grosse Ile Junior Varsity football team. We played Southgate, Melvindale and Wyandotte. Wyandotte is expected to be one of the better teams in the upper division. We must do a better job of shedding blockers and flowing to the ball. They have a very good running back by the name of Blade. It takes more than one tackler to bring him to the ground. To be successful we must tackle as eleven and play good team defense. We lost containment a couple of times and it is essential that we play outside-in and take proper pursuit angles.

The defense found its game against Melvindale and Southgate and gave up very few positive yards. Loren Sauve played very well at linebacker and is one of the hardest hitters downriver. Tim Beach did an outstanding job of preventing the big run. The coaches worked specifically with the defensive ends and corners after the Wyandotte scrimmage and they performed much better the rest of the afternoon. Moskall was able to hit the "A" gaps and this blew up a lot of the plays before they got started.

The offense started slow against Wyandotte and this was expected due to the installation of the new offense. Neil Smorch is a true field general and did an outstanding job throughout the day. He knows where everyone is supposed to be on every play and leads by example. I was impressed by the Hammer offensive line led by Brad Bixler. They opened holes for Bachir and Carrico to run through and they made positive plays throughout the day. Drew Norgren threw the ball well capped off by a long touchdown pass to Dylan Mrla. Cam Brinkley had a very exciting touchdown run in which he broke four tackles to go the distance. We will focus on assignments this week. There were times throughout the scrimmage where we were not where we were supposed to be or we ran the wrong pass pattern. We have a few ideas to improve this aspect of the game. This includes utilizing wrist coaches for all backs and receivers.

I would like to thank the parents. We had a great turnout for the scrimmage and the kids thrive off of the positive support. We will need it throughout the year.

We play Huron River on Saturday. They are a big team. However, we have the talent and athletes to beat them. We must fire out and sustain our blocks. Backs must block when they do not have the ball. We must pursue to the ball and tackle as 11. If we do this we will come away with a victory.

Fire Up Big Red

**Coach Mrla**

### FOOTBALL & CHEER AWARDS BANQUET

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009

CRYSTAL GARDENS

PLAYERS & CHEERLEADERS ATTEND FREE!

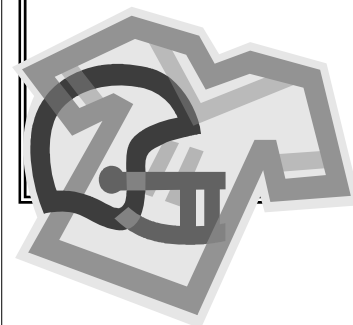
TICKETS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR \$20.00

SEE DEAN HIGDON FOR TICKETS. EMAIL AT HIGDON6@CAVTEL.NET

#### GIYRA Merchandise

is available for purchase at practice & during home games.

See Nicole at the blue tent!







**DON'T FORGET!**  
 PICTURE DAY  
 SEPTEMBER 14TH

## VARSITY CHEER

Great job on finishing up the halftime cheer girls. Now we just have to clean it up! Attitudes and attendance are still fantastic. We are getting ready to begin stunting. Our music for our dance routine is finished, so we will be starting that in about a week or two. I am excited for our first game this weekend! Good luck, boys!!

Fire Up Big Red!  
**Coach Sandi**

## JV CHEER

We have our first game on Saturday. Please arrive at the field by half-time of the freshman game. Let's Get Fired UP!!! You girls are doing a wonderful job and I am looking forward to having your parents see the results of all of your hard work!

I would like to thank the junior coaches. The girls really look up to you and you are all great role models for them.

LET'S GO BIG RED! Let's cheer the football players on to a great victory!

Let's Go Big Red!  
**Coach Alex & Coach Kim**



## FRESHMAN CHEER

The freshman Cheerleaders are ready for the game on Saturday, we have some work to do on the half time cheer. Parents, please pay close attention to the cheers the girls do, there are some crowd response cheers that you have to respond to. Ask your daughter what cheers they are so you can be prepared!

A note went home regarding dress attire, what time to arrive and snacks, etc. for the game on Saturday. Please make sure you go over it with your daughter.

Go Devils!  
**Coach Laura Zajac**

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## **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

This is the volunteer schedule for Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see Char Haener at the field (JV Football) or call (734) 552-8611 if you have not signed up for all five of your commitments. It is very important to arrive on time (see the Volunteer Job Descriptions or talk to Char for details) so that everyone can watch his or her child play or cheer.

### **GAME 1: Huron River**

**Saturday, Sep. 12**

<b>JOB</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>		
<b>PRE-GAME</b>			
Field Setup (Full)	Stroia (Devon)	LaBelle	Reich
Concession/Grill Setup (Need 2)	Ernst	Carnago	Test
Admission Gate (1)	Moco		
<b>11:00 FRESHMAN GAME</b>			
Admission Gate (Full)	Turner		
Announcer (Full)	Morey		
Scoreboard (Full)	Vega	DeRossett	
Spotter (Full)	Blackburn		
50/50 (Full)	Blackburn	McNeil	
Chain Gang (Full)	Frazier (Adams)	Bammer	Tucker
Concession Stand (Full)	Tylutki	Starkey (Marko)	Green
	Chessrown	Boardman	Crowell
Grill (Need 1)	Garner		
Merchandise (Full)	Hoffman		
Field Cleanup (Full)	Yops		
<b>1:00 JV GAME</b>			
Admission Gate (Full)	Donohue		
Announcer (Full)	Paul Townley		
Scoreboard (Need 1)	McCarty		
Spotter (Full)	Stroia (Nick)		
50/50 (Full)	Prentice	Turner	
Chain Gang (Full)	Carrico	Prentice	Self
Concession Stand (Need 1)		McCarty	Groff
	Tolot	Jones	Reeves
Grill (Full)	Reeves	Reeves	
Merchandise (Need 1)			
Field Cleanup (Full)	Grieve		
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<b>3:00 VARSITY GAME</b>			
Admission Gate (Full)	Dishon		
Announcer (Full)	Estrada		
Scoreboard (Need 1)	Baker		
Spotter (Full)	Martinelli		
50/50 (Full)	Volmerhausen	Collins	
Chain Gang (Full)	Bitner	Holden	Gordi
Concession Stand (Need 2)	Doyle	Beach	
	Davis	Beach	
Grill (Need 1)	Gulimetti		
Merchandise (Need 1)			
<b>POST GAME</b>			
Concession Cleanup (Full)	Claxon	Swamy	Carroll
	Cisco		
Field Breakdown (Need 2)	Swamy	Carroll	Force (Kelly)

# **GROSSE ILE JUNIOR DEVILS**

## **2009 GAME SCHEDULE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time/Game Order</u>
<b>September 12*</b>	<b>Huron River</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>11:00 F-JV-V</b>
September 19	River Rouge	River Rouge HS	11:00 F-JV-V
September 26	Dearborn Blue	Home	11:00 F-JV-V
<b>October 3**</b>	<b>Taylor Cobras</b>	<b>Kennedy HS</b>	<b>11:00 V-F-JV</b>
October 10	Dearborn Silver	Home	11:00 F-JV-V
October 17	Dearborn Heights	Away - TBD	11:00 F-JV-V
October 24	Wyandotte	Home	11:00 F-JV-V
October 31	Woodhaven	Wyandotte HS	11:00 F-JV-V
<i>November 7</i>	<i>Teams TBA</i>	<i>Playoff</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>November 14</i>	<i>Teams TBA</i>	<i>Peanut Bowl</i>	<i>TBD</i>

**\*Parent's Day Game**

**\*\*Please Note - Order of games is changed for this date**