



# THE YARDMARKER



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## **GET YOUR TICKETS**

### **FOOTBALL & CHEER AWARDS BANQUET**

SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 22,  
2009

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RUNNING OUT!***

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

We are into our last week of the regular season and all 3 teams are poised for the playoffs. I am extremely proud of all of the players and coaches for one of the most successful seasons in recent memory.

The Freshman team won in a blowout 39-0. They are getting better every week. The hard work that they have put in has paid off. If we win this weekend, we are in the playoffs. Coach Cam has added some new wrinkles to the offense and is ready to take on the Woodhaven Warriors this Saturday. I know that practice will be intense this week. We need to continue our winning streak into the playoffs.

Junior Varsity lost a heartbreaker to Wyandotte this past weekend. It came down to the very end. It was a hard fought game that had a number of lead changes. I still think we had the better team and we will prove it in the playoffs. Coach Mrla and his staff have their work cut out for them this week with the undefeated Woodhaven squad. I know that the coaches and players will be well prepared for Saturday and I am confident that we have the better team. Go get 'em, boys.

The Varsity also lost a close game to Wyandotte this past weekend. It really came down to a couple of plays. I will tell you that the Woodhaven coaching staff is worried about you. They have attended 3 of your games this year. I know I don't have to say anything to you to get you up for this one. Our coaches have been preparing for this game all season. We will be ready for anything they throw at us. This is a chance to make a statement.

I am very proud of the cheerleaders this past weekend. The weather was ridiculous. They did not waiver. I could hear them from the concession stand. I know the coaches are getting ready for the competition. I cannot wait to see what they have prepared. I know I will be there and I expect all of the football players to attend the competition as well. They are out there every weekend cheering for you and you need to return the favor.

I have been waiting for this weekend all year. Woodhaven has been the elite franchise in the DJFL for the last couple of years. We are now ready to take over that title. The coaches will work extremely hard to prepare their teams for this Saturday. If the boys leave it all out on the field I am confident that the score will be in our favor.

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





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## VARSITY FOOTBALL

The streak has ended with a 20-6 loss to Wyandotte. Although the Team fought hard I'm afraid a week of distractions and confusion was just too much to overcome. IT IS OVER! One loss and many lessons learned.

We move on and focus on the Woodhaven Warriors, the defending champs. We knew as coaches that the road to a championship leads through Woodhaven. We will work harder this week and regain our focus for this game and moving into the playoffs.

Cheerleaders and parents, I thank you for your efforts last week. Now, let's go to Woodhaven and be LOUD and PROUD of your Varsity Junior Devils!

Fire Up Big Red!

**Coach Woods**

### **YEARBOOK DEADLINE**

TOMORROW, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT YOUR AD FOR THE 2009 YEARBOOK.

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## JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

The Grosse Ile Junior Varsity football team experienced their first loss of the season this weekend against Wyandotte. The players fought throughout the game and had an opportunity to win. The coaches feel that the result would have been different if we would have executed on one or two plays. We will make adjustments and build off of this loss. We will be more prepared this week. I know I did not coach my best game this weekend and I am committed to improve.

The offense played well. Neil Smorch had a very solid game and overcame injury to score twice in the game. He is a born leader and shows it everyday in practice and in the games. Hunter Johns and Tim Beach ran the ball exceptionally well. Marc Vega and Loren Sauve were able to seal the left side of the line and we were able to run at will to this side. Zach Townley had a great game at center. He did not miss a snap. This was remarkable in view of the weather conditions.

The defense struggled with containment. They essentially gave up four big plays. Our success for the remainder of the year will depend upon our ability to keep the play inside the defensive ends and corners. We have to push up the field and force everything inside. Andrew Vollmerhausen had a solid game on defense. Tim Beach made some nice open field tackles. We will be adjusting our defense this week to deal better with the speed that we will be seeing for the next couple of weeks.

We scored our first special teams touchdown this year when Neil Smorch returned a second half kickoff for 65 yards. Ryan Blackburn and Andrew Vollmerhausen sealed the end and Neil outran Wyandotte for the score. Tim converted one of three extra points. We must do a better job of blocking on the point after attempts.

The fans were great this weekend. I would like to recognize Pat Mrla and Gloria Boller for their efforts at the bake sale. It made over \$750 dollars for the program. Thanks to all of the parents that provided items to be sold at the sale.

The Cheerleaders did a great job this weekend in spite of the adverse weather conditions. I know it is getting to crunch time for competition. Your hard work will pay off.

We play the undefeated Woodhaven Warriors this weekend. It is important that we contain. We must get penetration from our defensive line this weekend. They have a very talented offense. They have three good running backs and a passing quarterback. We must contain and force them to the center of the field, pursue to the ball and take proper angles. The offense must establish the pass this week. We will work hard on this in practice.

Fire Up Big Red!  
**Coach Mrla**

“You can’t just a beat a team. You have to leave a lasting impression in their minds so they never want to see you again.”

- Mia Hamm

### THANK YOU

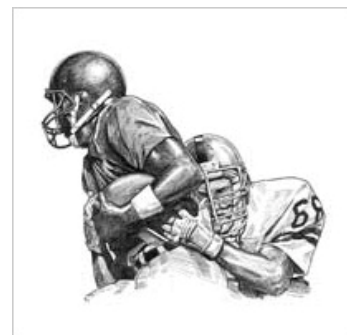
The Bake Sale was a huge success thanks to the contributions of baked goods from so many families and the breakfast sandwiches donated by Joe Moskall.

The sale netted \$770 for the boys and girls of GIRYA football and cheer.

Special thanks to those who helped staff the sale, especially Pat Mrla, who not only baked enough for a small village, but worked in the stand selling throughout the whole day.

**You are appreciated!**

**- Gloria Boller**



# YEARBOOK

## TIME

### DEADLINE OCTOBER 30

2009 Grosse Ile Junior Devils Yearbooks will be made available again this year. The yearbooks, which are complimentary, will be distributed to every football player and cheerleader at the annual banquet. The yearbook makes a great keepsake of the season.

### Personal Ads:

Spirit Quote	\$ 8.00
Spirit Quote w/ photo	\$ 15.00
¼ page w/ photo	\$ 35.00
½ page w/ photo	\$ 50.00
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½ page	\$ 75.00
Full page	\$125.00



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## FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Another great win last weekend against the Wyandotte Indians. It was nice to get everyone some extra playing time. When one team scores 39 points and the other doesn't even get a first down, that's a pretty good beat down. Congratulations on your first shutout, guys. You all played awesome. Offensively, I felt we could have scored as many points as we wanted.

Enough talk about Wyandotte now, because all that matters is this weekend's game against Woodhaven. This is a game I have been waiting to play all year. You don't think it's a coincidence that we always have to go to Woodhaven to play them, do you? You don't think it's a coincidence that this is the last game of the season, do you?

Essentially, for us, the playoffs start now. Lose and you're done – it's that simple. Realize what is at stake and then play as hard as you can to assure you play again next week. If you cannot commit to giving 100% during the entire game, then stay at home. It's not fair to your teammates, many of whom I know will be giving all they got. I have watched several Woodhaven games and am confident that we can beat them. But, we will need a total team effort.

Thanks to everyone who came to our game and cheered us on to another victory in such awful weather. You cheerleaders are some tough girls. You could play for me any day!

### **Coach Cam**

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



**CHEER  
COMPETITION**

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**SUNDAY  
NOV 8**

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**CARLSON  
HIGH SCHOOL**

## VARSIITY CHEER

Great job cheering at the game on Saturday, girls. Please remember these next two weeks of practice are mandatory in order to prepare for competition. Things are coming together now we just need to cleanup our stunt sequence. Keep up the hard work and dedication, girls.

Fire Up Big Red!

Your Coaches,  
**Kate, Emily & Sandi**

## JV CHEER

It was a sad loss on Saturday for the Junior Varsity team. The girls did a good job cheering. It was nasty outside but they seemed to keep on smiling.

Congratulations to Noelle for winning the spirit bear. You are an awesome cheerleader.

We have our competition on November 8th. I need everyone to stay healthy and come to every practice. We will only be working on our dance and stunts for the big day. We have finished everything, now we just need to get it perfect.

Fire up Big Red!  
**Coach Alex and Coach Kim**

## FRESHMAN CHEER

Way to go Freshman Football Team!!

The girls had a great time at our last home game. We have one game left at Woodhaven. I can't believe how fast this season went by.

We had such a good time at our practices with their favorite cheers "Hey Cheerleader" and "Pump, Pump, Pump It Up", I am sure the girls are going to have cheer withdrawals soon after our season has come to an end.

Next challenge is the competition and we are perfecting our routine for the big day! The girls look really good.

Go Devils!  
**Coach Laura Zajac**



## GAMES BEGIN AT 10:00 AM

*THIS WEEKEND!*

FRESHMAN 10:00

JV 12:00

VARSIITY 2:00

# GET TO KNOW..

## VARSITY CHEER COACH EMILY MCCRUMB



*Do have cheering experience? I've never cheered prior to working with GIYRA.*

*How long have you been coaching and how did you get involved with GIYRA? This is my second year coaching. Sandi Shores & I became friends because she was my niece, Justice's coach. She convinced me to help her out with JV last year, and I really enjoyed it so I came back this year.*

*What is your overall philosophy as a coach (style, priorities)? I've been working on being more patient this year.*

*What skills are essential to being a good coach? Patience. Patience. Patience.*

*What do you enjoy most about coaching? I enjoy seeing the girls change - seeing the shy, quiet kids pick up some of my loud, outgoing traits and run with them. I like seeing them all come together and work as a team. Overall, I enjoy building relationships with the kids, and knowing that I have made an impact on their life. I also enjoy the connection that Justice & I have through cheer.*

*Describe your coaching strategies and how you prepare for both practice and game day. I come to practice each day with a clean slate.*

*What's the hardest thing about coaching kids at this level/age? Keeping them on task, at their age minds tend to wander.*

*How do you choose captains? We don't have captains. If I had to choose one, it would be hard. We have some great cheerleaders on our team!*

*How do you motivate your athletes? Positive reinforcement and bribery. Okay, so not so much bribery... but maybe a little. I promised the team that if they got a first place trophy, I'd get a robot cheerleader tattoo! I want the tattoo, so hopefully they want the trophy!*

*What do you do in the off-season to make you a better cheer coach? Keep in touch with the other coaches, building ideas to work with next season. I also keep Justice in other sports, so she stays in shape, and keeps teamwork in mind.*

*What can parents do to make your job as coach easier? Be supportive, come to games, respond to the cheers. Bring your girls to every game, every practice and be prepared for the weather. Also, read the papers we send home and send back a response, if requested. We get tons of phone calls every practice, every game with questions that are usually already addressed either in the "Yardmarker" or in a flyer we sent home that week.*

