



THE YARDMARKER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Welcome to Grosse Ile Jr. Football 2010! I hope you are all as excited as I am to get the season started. It's nice to see the large number of parents attending practices. The coaching staff, including myself, appreciates the added motivation that your attendance provides the children.

The boys and girls have made it past one of the most grueling aspects of the program - the conditioning. I'm proud of each and every one of our kids. We are not easy on them and I'm sure they have come home tired and sore. Please remember - we do this for a reason and it will pay off as the season progresses.

I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the coaches and board members. Please make an effort to get to know these individuals who volunteer their time and are truly dedicated to teaching your children the fundamentals of the game. We encourage everyone to be a part of the program and there are always opportunities for parents to play a larger role in our success.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind the parents of some important details:

Please pick up your children on time. Our coaches are required to remain until the last child is picked up. They put in many hours and appreciate being able to go home on time themselves.

Please do not cross the white line during practice. This for your safety, as well as that of the coaches and players.

Please be pro-active about fulfilling your volunteer commitment. GIYRA is only as good as the sum of its parts, and your help is a big part of our success. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Carrie Carrico, if you have not already done so.

Here are some important dates that I'd like to share with you:

September 2nd - 4-way scrimmage at Pulaski Park in Wyandotte

September 11th - first game at River Rouge

September 18th - Parent Party at Centennial Farms

Once again, I welcome you all to the Grosse Ile family and look forward to a successful season.

George Mrla

President, Grosse Ile Junior Devils Football

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Please contact Carrie Carrico if you have not signed up for all five of your mandatory volunteer commitments. We need the help of all of our families to host successful game days! You can contact Carrie by phone at (734)751-5338, by email at ccarrico123@yahoo.com or catch her at the practice field.



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Last year, this
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earned our
organization
over
\$10,000**



VARSITY FOOTBALL

Well another season of Grosse Ile Junior Devil Football has started and at the Varsity level we have HIGH expectations. A large number of returning players with a good group of first year players gives us the most Varsity players(38) we have ever had as an organization.

The coaching staff and I have been meeting over the summer to organize and strategize to fully utilize every player. We will be working hard to get them into top physical condition and mentally focused, so we perform as ONE team TOGETHER.

We are fast approaching the first big test in the 4-way scrimmage. Let's keep our kids happy and thinking positive as we move forward through the season toward our goal of becoming PEANUT BOWL CHAMPIONS!

Fire-up Big Red!

Coach Woods

**"If my mother put on a helmet and shoulder pads and a uniform that wasn't the same as the one I was wearing, I'd run over her if she was in my way. And I love my mother."
- Bo Jackson**



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Please feel free to contact your board members. We are here to assist you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TV's Diner Fundraiser

September 1

Picture Day

September 13

Parents Party

September 18 8pm

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

The Grosse Ile Junior Varsity Football Team is excited for the season to start. The Coaches appreciate the hard work that the players put forth during the conditioning practices. This will pay off throughout the year. In addition, the players have been working hard to learn the offense and defense. Although we run the same base offense, many of the sets that we run are new to the players and they have done a good job of acclimating to the new assignments. It is absolutely critical that the players know and execute their assignments for the team to be successful.

The assistant coaches have all coached in the program for multiple years. Ed Will, Mike Nitzskorski, George Mrla, Mike Dembinski and Jerry Norgren have a wealth of football knowledge and are here for the players. We began having meetings early this summer to game plan for the season based on the opponents that we will be playing. There is a lot of speed that we will be playing against this year and it is critical that we adjust to contain the speed of the teams in this league. The time that the assistant coaches put in is greatly appreciated.

The captains have shown good leadership. This is the first year that we let the players pick the majority of the captains. The first two captains, Cameron Brinkley and Lance Nitzskorski, were selected by the coaches based on attitude and effort put forth last year. The remaining three captains were selected by the players. They are Dylan Mrla, Drew Norgren and Will Mrla. They have done a good job of leading by example and their hustle and work ethic has had a positive influence on the rest of the team.

We will run many of the same plays that we have for the past four years. However, we believe that to be successful this year we will have to be able to move the ball through the air and on the ground. This will be new to many of the players and they are adjusting to the pass blocking schemes. We are working hard with the quarterbacks to get the ball out within 4 seconds. It is imperative that the receivers know the route and that we protect the quarterback.

Coach Nitzskorski has developed a plan to contain the speed of the teams that we will be playing. Based on film, the majority of the teams that we will be playing this year attempt to get to the edge of the defense. It will be absolutely essential that we contain and push the play inside. We must pursue and take the proper angle to the ball.

I would like to thank the parents for the opportunity to spend time with your children. They are a great group of kids.

Players: School will be starting shortly. You are all student-athletes. As you can see the first word in that phrase is "student". School comes first. A good student is afforded the *privilege* of playing football. I will inquire about your grades and if I find that you are not giving the effort in the classroom that you are giving on the field, you will be running cones until I'm tired.

Fire Up Big Red.

Coach Mrla

"The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public."

- Phyllis Diller

Grosse Ile Youth Recreation Association

P.O. BOX 41 GROSSE
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PARENT'S PARTY

AT CENTENNIAL
FARMS

SATURDAY

SEPT 18th

8:00 PM

Questions? Contact
Char at (734)552-8611



YANKEE CANDLE FUND-RAISER

GIYRA Football and Cheer are teaming up again with Yankee Candle for our fall fundraiser. Last year we profited **over \$10,000** which helped us purchase apparel & equipment. Our goal this year is to raise funds to continue improvements to "Kish Field" and outfit our athletes with the safest equipment possible.

Sale dates:

August 20 – September 8

Prizes for Top Sellers

First prize \$300 value

Second prize \$200 value

Third prize \$100 value

Questions? Call Nicole Moskall at 692-2659 or email footballboys@wowway.com

***ALL Athletes are
REQUIRED
to participate in
this fundraiser!***

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

There has been a great deal of learning going on down at the freshman field. It's been a tough two weeks of practice but things have been going fairly well. The effort of the players has been generally good. They have been working hard and are beginning to realize why not everyone is cut out to be a football player. There is not a more demanding and physical sport in the world and I could see the players starting to break down physically and mentally as the week progressed.

It's fairly obvious to me that we need to work harder. We need to learn how to practice better and we certainly need better leadership from our veterans. I'm calling out all second year players – so far only a very few of you have caught my eye for the right reasons. While I understand many of the young players are experiencing most everything associated with this game for the first time, coaches are being forced to repeat the same instructions far too many times. This wastes valuable practice time and must stop occurring.

This team does have potential. We can have a good season but ultimately our record will be determined by how hard the players want to work in practice and their level of dedication. Players play and coaches coach, but it's the boys on the field that will need to make the plays.

For the four-way scrimmage on Thursday, freshman players should wear exactly what they wear to practice and should be at Pulaski Park no later than 4:45 p.m. This scrimmage will be interesting. It will be an opportunity to gauge our progress and our strengths and weaknesses. No need to be nervous, you're just playing football – it's not life and death – and mistakes are to be expected. Remember, though, not giving 100% all the time is the biggest mistake you can make. Even if you don't know what the heck you're doing, at least hustle while you're making mistakes!

Thank you to all of the parents for showing such commitment over the course of the past two weeks. Please keep encouraging the players to work hard and get better.

I can't wait to see our cheerleaders in action! They are often louder than our players!

Coach Cam



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TEAM PICTURES

September 13th

Grosse Ile High School Football Field

Freshman	5:00
JV	5:40
Varsity	6:20

Times Listed are for Football & Cheerleading

Envelopes will be sent home with your athlete next week



VARSITY CHEER

Good job these past two weeks, girls. We will start stunting more next week so please make sure everyone is at practice! Attendance is important. I know we covered a lot of material last week, now we just need to clean it up. Make sure you are practicing at home. Remember - perfect practice makes PERFECT!

Keep up the hard work!
Coach Sandi & Coach Emily

JV CHEER

Here we go! Another great season is under way. The girls are working hard on their half-time cheer and we are starting to work on stunts.

I would like to thank my junior coaches, Emily and Alexis, for doing a wonderful job with the girls. Let's Go Big Red!

SMILE :)
Coach Alex



FRESHMAN CHEER

Welcome to Freshman Cheer! The girls are starting to get the practice routine down and are learning very fast. Our first game will be here before you know it! We have been working on our half-time cheer as well as our sideline cheers and have begun to do some stunts and gymnastics.

It is important that the girls come to practice ready to WORK. We are a TEAM and we need all the girls to be at practice on time and ready to CHEER! Encourage your cheerleader to practice at home, but please - NO gymnastics without adult supervision! We don't want anyone to get hurt!

Smile, Sparkle, & Shine Girls!
Coach Dawn Barnsdale

GIYRA Merchandise
 is available for
 purchase at practice &
 during home games.
 Contact Nicole at
 footballboys@
 wowway.com.

GIYRA Football/Cheer Parent's Party

Please join us for a fun night out!

Saturday, September 18th at 8:00 p.m.

Centennial Farms / 25797 Third St. / Grosse Ile

Please bring a dish to pass, adult beverage of your choice, and a bottle of spirits, gift certificate, etc. for a raffle prize.

Pizza, pop & karaoke DJ will be provided!

Contact Char with questions: 734/552-8611, haener.techpart@comcast.net



GROSSE ILE DEVILS JUNIOR FOOTBALL

4-WAY SCRIMMAGE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd AT PULASKI PARK

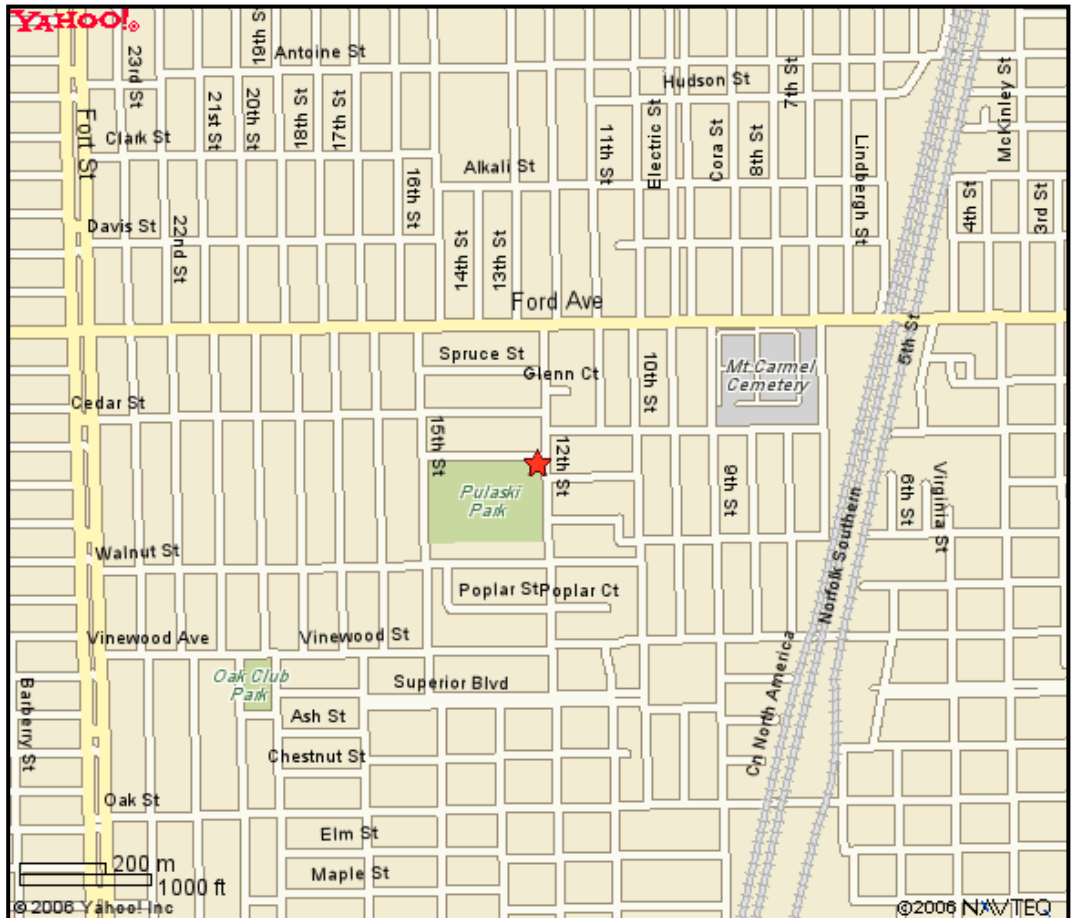
Scrimmage begins at 5:00 p.m. Players should arrive at 4:30 (unless otherwise directed by coach) and dress in practice uniforms. Parking is limited so please arrive EARLY and obey all parking laws.

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