

THE YARDMARKER

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FIRE UP BIG RED

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Hello everyone and welcome to Grosse Ile Jr. Football 2006. I hope everyone's having a good time watching the boys and girls preparing for this season's action. It's nice to see a lot of people sticking around the practice field; it makes it easy to get to know all the parents.

All the kids are looking great and our coaches are bringing them along quickly and efficiently. I think all our squads are going to make some noise this season. Just a few things for you...

1. Kids pickup – Please make sure your schedule for pick up is prepared. If there are any pickup issues, please call me at 734-558-4428 or 313-670-8587.
2. The volunteer schedule is looking good but we still have commitments to fill, please see Kathy Cuddy. This year we also have an optional haunted house commitment, which can count as your game commitment. Details on this will be forth coming.
3. The merchandise orders are scheduled to be in for the 1st game. There will be another opportunity to order coming soon. Please support your team. The stuff looks great!

4. To clarify iron man award rules – this award will only be given to players that are at every practice, every game, on time, dressed and participating.
5. The new cheerleader uniforms have just come in and they look fantastic. Great job Darcie and Jerry!
6. Special thanks to Alison Paige for this season's Yardmarker.

Thanks everybody, I think we're going to have a lot of fun this season on and off the field of play. GO DEVILS!

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Through the efforts of Greg Kish of GIYRA there is an excellent fundraising opportunity for our kids. Starting September 1st and running through December, GIYRA will get \$5.00 for every toll bridge pass that is purchased. With the free bridge shut down coming up this will be a great item. The pass allows you to go though the express booth at a cost of \$1.00 (vs. waiting to pay toll of \$1.50). Forms will be with available soon with the Yardmarker or on our GIYRA web site www.giyrasports.com.

REMINDER

**DUE TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND,
THERE WILL BE NO PRACTICE THE
FOLLOWING DAYS:**

- 🏈 Friday, September 1st
- 🏈 Saturday, September 2nd
- 🏈 Monday, September 4th

FOOTBALL NEWS

Freshman Corner

The entire coaching staff is very pleased with the effort of all the players. For the two weeks they have practiced with tremendous effort and enthusiasm. Many of the parents have seen our practices and realize they are fast-paced and regimented. The players have adapted well and have gotten better each day.

We have only had a few players quit. This is a credit not only to the players themselves, but also to the assistant coaches, who have done a good job in encouraging the players. We have also had excellent leadership from not only our team captains but also all second year players. As a coach I am not aware of one incident of insubordination of any type involving this team. They as instructed have encouraged each other to succeed.

This freshman team will be competitive. The skill level of this team is very high. The offense is getting better. However as a staff we have decided to put an emphasis on our defense. The players have demonstrated toughness and a desire to learn. Most of them like to compete and simply dislike losing. As a staff we look forward to the 4-way scrimmage to finally evaluate the team against others.

All the assistant coaches have done an excellent job. They certainly have made my job much easier. The amount of time the coaches have spent, on and off the field, shows their tremendous commitment and sacrifice. I have enjoyed coaching with them and consider all of them loyal friends. The football knowledge they all possess and have passed on to the players has been immense.

I would change nothing involving my staff and this team. I will take on the many challenges this season will have with these players. Lastly, I would encourage all of the parents to be loud in your support of this team. At the 4-way scrimmage, and throughout the season, have fun and cheer loud and often. Certainly this team at a minimum deserves that from all of you.

Coach Cam

JV's Section

Hello again parents and players welcome to another year of Grosse Ile football. The coaches and players have been really hard at work trying to get ready for our scrimmage and our first game. The coaches are really pleased with all the hard work the boys are putting in. We are really looking forward to having a big year and hope you will all support us as we try to bring a peanut bowl championship back to the island. Thanks again for all your support and we look forward to seeing you at the field.

FIRE UP BIG RED AND LETS GO DEVILS!

J.V. Coaching Staff

Varsity Headliner

Great job guys – keep it up!!!

Varsity Coaching Staff

CHEERLEADING NEWS

Welcome back to all our returning Cheerleaders and welcome to all our beginning Cheerleaders. Two weeks have gone by and you young ladies are doing a fabulous job. We're all very proud of each and every one of you. Keep up the good work!!!

Cheerleading Coaching Staff

E-MAIL

If you want to be added to our e-mail list you need to give your e-mail address to Dawn Hack. She can be reached at 675-0969 or a69mc1mstg@comcast.net. This way, you will always be up to date on the latest football communications.

SQUAD PICTURES

Don't forget pictures are on Monday, September 11th. Times to be announced at a later date. Watch for more information regarding which game jersey to wear. Order forms will be given out soon.

PARENT'S EVENTS

We have a lot of new parents this year (which is great!). We want to make sure everyone knows what to expect as we go. We have been getting a lot of emails about the parents party and the hotel party. Parents wanting to know what they really are and more details. The parents party is for just the parents. No kids. It is BYOB and a dish to pass.

We are looking for items to auction off at the party.

Some people who have talents will offer services to auction and some people bring simple things such as a gift basket to auction. You are not required to bring something to auction to come to the party!

This party is ALWAYS a great time and the people who didn't go always wish they had on Monday when the stories start flying at practice. We have a unique bunch of people here who really want to get to know you. It's a good time to get to know your coaches that spend so much time with your kids.

The hotel party is at the end of the year. This party is all about the kids! We invade a hotel that has an indoor pool and the kids get to spend some real fun time together. We will have more details in the upcoming Yardmarkers about both events but they really are a good time for all. Any questions, don't hesitate to ask your Team mom or one of the board members who are on the field every day.

TEAM MOMS

Questions, issues, not sure what to do! Ask your team mom for help! We have started something new this year to make things easier for the parents.

Each team has a team mom who can liaison your issues to board members, equipment manager, or coach.

Freshman~ Kim Jarvis
JV~ Sunshine Pluff
Varsity~ Renee Emery

PARENT'S PARTY

The Parent's Party will be Saturday, September 16th at 7:30 at the Trenton VFW Hall. Won't you come and make it another great party? Don't forget a bottle of liquor for the raffle.

Last years auction items included:

-  Red Wings Tickets
-  Lions Tickets
-  Clothing Items
-  Gift Baskets
-  Gift Certificates

and much more

If you wish to make a donation or have any ideas of connections that you think might help out, please contact Renee Emery @ the field.

PARENT'S DAY

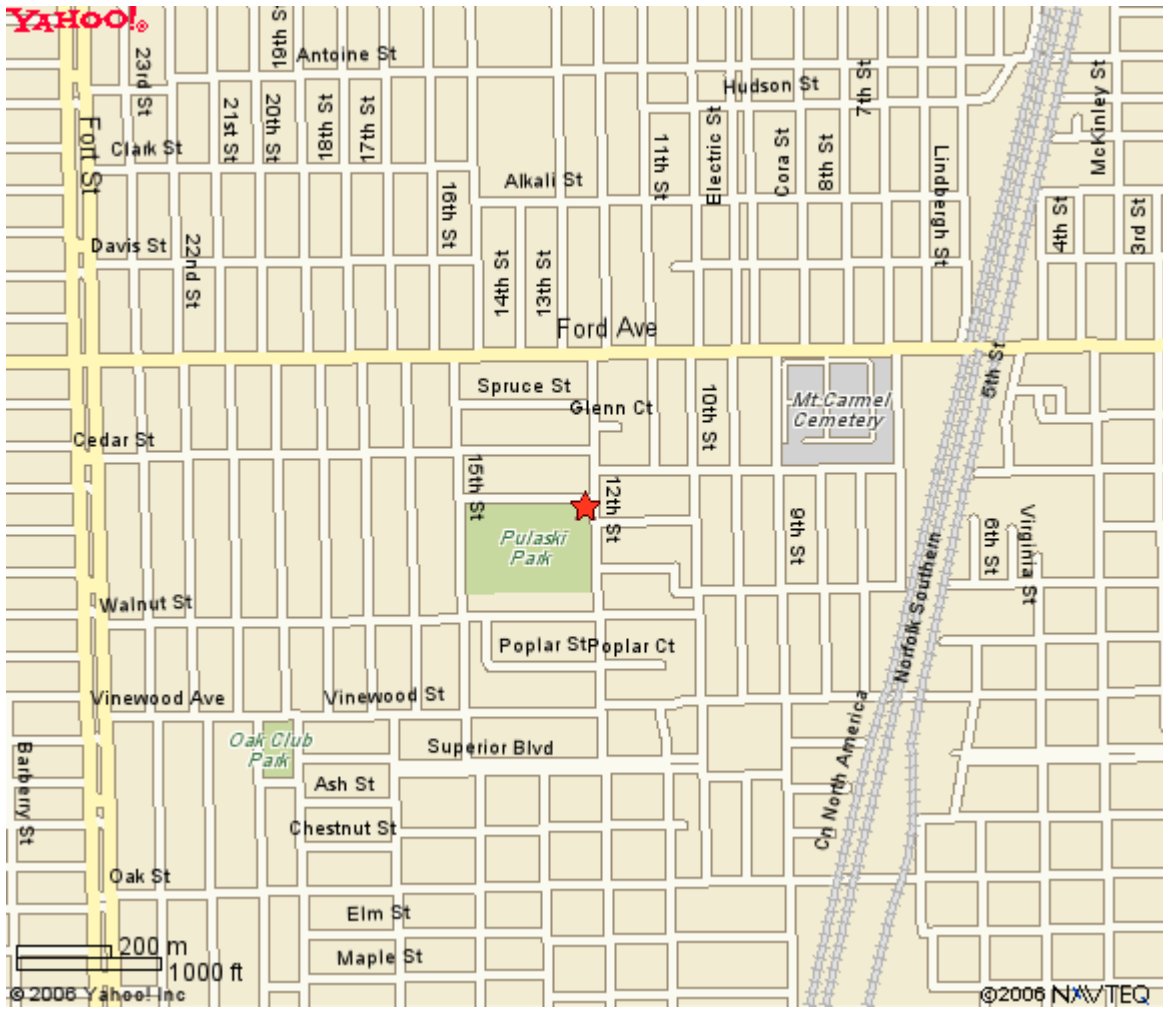
This year, Parent's Day will be held on **Saturday, September 9th**. At the beginning of each game, there will be a special ceremony for the players, cheerleaders, and their parents. Please be ready to go out on the field 15 minutes early to take part with your player. It takes just a few minutes, but is remembered forever!

GROSSE ILE DEVILS JUNIOR FOOTBALL
4 WAY SCRIMMAGE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31st PULASKI FIELD
WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN

Players should arrive at 4:15 p.m. Parking can be very difficult and getting there early would be a great idea. Players should wear their practice uniform.

- 5:25 p.m. – Wyandotte vs. Grosse Ile
- 6:20 p.m. – Grosse Ile vs. Southgate
- 7:15 p.m. – Grosse Ile vs. Melvindale

Pulaski Park, 1201 Oxford Ct, Wyandotte, MI 48192



Game Schedule

<u>Game Date</u>		<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Game Order</u>
Saturday, Sep 9 th	(Home)	Melvindale	11:00	F – V – JV
Saturday, Sep 16 th	(Away)	Riverview	12:00	F – JV – V
Saturday, Sep 23 rd	(Home)	Allen Park	11:00	F – V – JV
Saturday, Sep 30 th	(Away)	Huron River	11:00	F – JV – V
Saturday, Oct 7 th	(Home)	Lincoln Park	11:00	F – V – JV
Saturday, Oct 14 th	(Away)	Taylor Mustangs	12:00	F – JV – V
Saturday, Oct 21 st	(Away)	Romulus	11:00	TBD
Saturday, Oct 28 th	(Home)	Wyandotte	11:00	F – V – JV

Please note there will be an admission fee of \$3.00 per person for those 16 years or older for our 1st home game and the Riverview game (each team is allowed to charge admission for their first home game only).

FOOTBALL FANS

Show us your support by sponsoring or having your employer sponsor a business advertisement in the 2006 Junior Devils Yearbook.

Full Page Ad	\$125
Half Page Ad	\$ 70
¼ Page Ad	\$ 35
Business Card Ad	\$ 20

Advertisements will appear in black/white. Deadline is October 1, 2006.

Make checks payable to GIYRA Football.

Mail ads to: Jennifer Kish
10311 Brodhead
Grosse Ile, MI 48138
(734)-652-7018

Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEER LIST

Please see the volunteer list for our first game. As you can see, there are many spots left open, especially for the JV game. It is very important that we have these spots filled. We need YOU to make our children's games run smoothly and efficiently. You MUST sign up for three (3) commitments per family.

GAME 1: MELVINDALE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

JOB	Volunteers		
Field Setup (Full)	Scott Denison	Cindy Denison	
Concession Setup (Full)	Kim and Jeff Jarvis	Kim Johns	Rose Camilli
11:00 FRESHMAN GAME			
Admission Gate (Full)	Michelle Chaplin		
Announcer (Full)	Gary Snider		
Scoreboard (Need 2)			
Spotter (Need 1)			
Video (Need 1)			
50/50 (Full)	Carol Vollmerhausen	Mike Rickman	
Chain Gang (Full)	John Ryan	Chuck Watson	Norm Sauve
Concession Stand (Full)	Sunshine Pluff	Betsy Gaither	
	Margaret Hardin	Kathy Zielman	
Grill (Full)	Dan Holmes	Ted Gronda	
Field Cleanup (Full)	Holden		
1:00 VARSITY GAME			
Admission Gate (Full)	Anne-Marie Abraham		
Announcer (Full)	Gary Snider		
Scoreboard (Full)	Chris McAughey		
Spotter (Full)	Mary Beth Bodrie		
Video (Need 1)			
50/50 (Full)	Maria Drogheo	Mary Ann Holmes	
Chain Gang (Need 1)	Michael Debone	Tim Lucas	
Concession Stand (Full)	Margie Gape	Kristy Thomas	
	Kenny Gape	Christina McKinney	
Grill (Full)	Dean Higdon	Beth Rodgers	
Field Cleanup (Need 1)			
3:00 JUNIOR VARSITY GAME			
Admission Gate (Need 1)			
Announcer (Need 1)			
Scoreboard (Full)	Chris McAughey		
Spotter (Need 1)			
Video (Need 1)			
50/50 (Full)	Lea Bonds	Rachel Cholette	
Chain Gang (Need 1)	Rick Bonds	Chuck Watson	
Concession Stand (Need 3)	Sarah Merolla		
Grill (Need 2)			
Field Breakdown/ Clean up (Need 3)			