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GROSSE ILE DEVILS VS. MELVINDALE CARDINALS



PARENTS DAY GAME

WHERE: Grosse Ile High School Football Field

WHEN: Saturday, September 9th

 FRESHMAN GAME: 11:00 a.m. 

 VARSITY GAME: 1:00 p.m. 

 J.V. GAME: 3:00 p.m. 

Players should be at the game field one (1) hour earlier than their scheduled game time, unless otherwise instructed by the coach.

Football players must be fully uniformed in their **RED "HOME" JERSEYS**. Full uniform includes mouthpiece and cup.

This week is **PARENT'S DAY**. All parents will be honored for their hard work and commitment this season. Moms and Dads need to be on the field 30 minutes prior to kick-off of your child's game for a special ceremony.

Bring friends, relatives and neighbors. Don't forget to bring signs, banners and noisemakers! Enjoy the games!



FIRE UP BIG RED!

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Great job on the scrimmage, all of our squads did very well! We are definitely ready for our first game.

This Saturday we take on the "Melvindale Cardinals" in our opening home game at the Grosse Ile High School Football Field.

This Saturday will also be our Parents Day. Please make sure to invite your family and friends to enjoy what we have planned to thank our dedicated and hard working parents. If a parent cannot make it, please let the coaches know this week so we can make sure your child(ren) doesn't feel alone in the days events.

Also according to our league rules we are allowed to charge admission at our first home game in order to help support our program. Saturday's game will have a \$3 admission for everyone 16 and older except the players, cheerleaders, and coaches. Please warn your friends and family to have some extra money on them.

Notice from the league: DJFL mandates the referees will be watching closely any unruly behavior on the field and in the stands. Please remember no profanity or taunting will be tolerated.

If you haven't signed up for your three (3) volunteer commitments please double check the list in the following pages to see if you can help out. As you can see in order to put on a successful home game we need all the parental support that we can get.

Picture Day is Monday September 11th. Also don't forget the Parents Party on Saturday September 16th. If you would like to arrange donation of an item for our live auction please contact Renee Emery. If you would like to help support the fun and fundraising of the evening you could also please bring a bottle of liquor for a raffle we will be doing throughout the night in addition to your dish to pass.

Thanks again and see you Saturday. **Go Devils!!!!**

Matt Cuddy, President

FOOTBALL NEWS

Freshman Corner

The entire coaching staff was very pleased with the effort and play of the freshman team at the 4-way scrimmage. I know the boys enjoyed playing and supporting their teammates.

The defense was solid and had very few positive yard plays against it all day. Our defensive lines were extremely active and quick. Our tackling was good but as a team we can improve and will continue to work on the fundamentals.

Our offense had its moments. The coaching staff figured the offense would be behind when compared to the defense. We need to take better care of the ball and have “cleaner” handoff between the quarterbacks and the running backs. Our offensive lines were all good, but we can improve! Our running backs need to learn to deliver a hit at the end of their runs and I thought there was too many arm tackles made on us.

We can improve – and we will continue to work hard in practice. Perhaps what I was most encouraged with at the 4-way scrimmage was that the first year players were not intimidated. They were aggressive and completed well against other competition.

I would like to thank all who showed up and supported the team. Lets continue to cheer and encourage our players.

Melvindale will be a real challenge and I am sure they would like to get their first win as much as we do. The staff will continue to evaluate every player and every position. Special thanks to Bill O’Neill and Jim Howard for filming the scrimmage.

This team will be prepared to succeed on Saturday. We will be fired up to play and we look forward to demonstrating Grosse Ile’s elite football program starts with us.

Coach Cam

JV’s Section

Hello parents and fans, well here we are the first game of the year. The coaches felt that our 4-way scrimmage went very well and we are all happy with the progress the players are making. We still have some work to do and this week will be exciting for all of us as we prepare for Melvindale. Lets all pull together and cheer on our boys as they try to get the first victory of the year. We hope you all make plenty of noise on Saturday to keep the players pumped up. Lets fire up BIG RED and beat on them CARDINALS.

J.V. Coaching Staff

Varsity Headliner

The new and improved varsity team had a great scrimmage last Thursday. They soundly beat Wyandotte and Melvindale and for all intensive purposes tied Southgate. Coach Hack was very happy with both defensive units, the gap defense and dog defense. Coach Emery said it’s great to switch defenses. 11 new guys come onto the field to play and there’s only four 2 way players on this team. Coach Fegreus said this is a big compliment to our staff this year. We don’t want only 11 guys playing all the time and then trying to fit in the other 22 players. We’re here to make football players out of all 35 men on this team not just 11.

Coach Plonka *as usual* wasn’t happy about his defense. “We have a lot of work to do. Our goal is nobody scores on us and I saw too many missed assignments, we only made up for our mistakes with attitude and energy and that doesn’t win championships.”

On the offensive side – Coach VanGorp said he saw a big let down against Southgate. Coach Deponio’s comment on his ‘O’ line was “way too much standing not enough driving and we still don’t get to their LB’s on a regular basis”. When coach Libke was asked what he thought of his offense his quote was “If you had any idea what I thought of their effort you would, well let’s just leave it at that. I do agree with coach Plonka, this kind of effort doesn’t win championships, we’ve been there, we know.”

Varsity Coaching Staff

SQUAD PICTURES

Since we do not hold practice on Mondays during the season, it is the perfect time to have team pictures taken. This year individual and team pictures will be taken on Monday, September 11th. This scheduled will tell you exactly where your child/children should be and when. **BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR RED GAME JERSEY.**

Photo Schedule September 11th, 2006

Time	Team	Division	Coach	Photographer
5:00	Football	Varsity	Emery	A
5:15	Cheer	Varsity	Loveday	B
5:30	Cheer	JV	Richards	B
5:45	Football	JV	Crabtree	A
6:15	Cheer	Freshman	Shores	B
6:45	Football	Freshman	Camilleri	A

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Support GIYRA
Save Money and Save Time
Score Big with the Bridge Pass!

Pick up your application from Greg Kish (varsity practice field) or download it from our web site www.giyrasports.com.

Help Support GIYRA Sports by purchasing a Bridge Pass for the Toll Bridge. This is a win-win fundraiser! At no cost to you, the GIBC will make a \$5 donation per each Bridge Pass that is purchased to benefit GIYRA (now through December 1st).

Beat the rush and support our programs now by getting your pass now before the county bridge closes next year!!

By using the Bridge Pass, drivers of cars, SUVs, pickup trucks and motorcycles will save 20 cents from the regular token price, or save 50 cents from the regular cash price, per one-way crossing of the Toll Bridge. In addition, the Bridge Pass will enable your vehicle to travel through the toll plaza faster thereby reducing the possibility of delays for you and your fellow islanders.

In order to ensure that GIYRA is properly credited for the GIBC's fundraising program, make sure your form has "Solicited by GIYRA" on the top of the front page of the Bridge Pass application or use the application that is on our website.

As always, all monies raised by GIYRA help fund youth sports programs in Grosse Ile.

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.





PARENT'S PARTY

When: Saturday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Trenton VFW Hall on West Road

This is a great way to get to know the other parents. Every year has been better than the last. Won't you come and make it another great party? Don't forget a bottle of liquor for the raffle.

Auction Items Needed

Every year we have an auction at the Parent's Party. This auction helps raise money for our organization. We are looking for desirable items that can be auctioned off. Last years items included:

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

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.

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!

GAME PROGRAMS

Game Programs are published four times throughout the year - at all home games for a minimal cost. This year we would like to try a little something different: Putting in a GOOD LUCK quote - 20 words or less to your son/daughter, team, coaching staff, etc. letting them know of your support. These are similar to the SPIRIT QUOTES that can be put in the Yearbook at the end of the season. You could do something simple like: "Good Luck Freshman Cheerleading on your first game - CHEER LOUD. The Jones Family"or....."Wishing Johnny Doe the best of luck on your first game as a Varsity player - Love Mom and Dad".....OK so you get it....The cost for these will run \$2 ea. per week and you can run as many as you want - you can run the same quote for all four Programs (\$5) or whatever - just keep in mind that they need to be kept to 20 words or less. I (Jennifer Kish) will be at the field (near the Varsity area) pretty much every day to collect ads and money or if you have any questions. All ads and money are due by the Thursday prior to the game.

YEARBOOKS

It is not too early to start thinking about what you would like to say to your son/daughters/coaches for a SPIRIT QUOTE. These will appear in the Yearbook that will be available at the end of the season. Prices for these quotes are still the same as last year - \$15 for an ad with photo and/or \$8 for an ad without a photo. Remember that all ads must be kept to 25 words or less.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an e-mail or call me at 734-652-7018. You can also stop by the practice field (near the Varsity area). I'll try to have a copy of last year's Yearbook available to let you see what they look like.

Jennifer Kish

FOOTBALL TIP OF THE WEEK



DO NOT WEAR HAIRSPRAY OR PERFUME!!! The bees are bad at the field and this will attract them to you.

Also, **DO NOT** wash the uniforms with liquid fabric softener or use dryer sheets when drying. This leaves a nice smell that bees just love. This way, no stings!

VOLUNTEER LIST

This is the volunteer schedule for Saturday, September 9th. There are still many openings. Each family is required to volunteer three (3) times for our home games. If you do not see your name on this schedule, you must call Kathy Cuddy or see her at the field. ***We need YOUR help to make our children's games run smoothly and efficiently.*** There are plenty of spots available and they are filled on a first come, first served basis. Get your today!! Please don't make us come to you, as this way is much easier.

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 1)	Dan Tyrna		
Spotter (Need 1)			
Video (Full)	Jordan Baily		
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 (Full)	Jordan Baily		
50/50 (Full)	Maria Drogheo	Mary Ann Holmes	
Chain Gang (Need 2)	Michael Debone		
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 (Full)	Carolyn Hartsuff		
Announcer (Need 1)	Dan Daily		
Scoreboard (Full)	Chris McAughey		
Spotter (Need 1)			
Video (Full)	Jordan Baily		
50/50 (Full)	Lea Bonds	Rachel Cholette	
Chain Gang (Full)	Rick Bonds	Chuck Watson	Ford
Concession Stand (Need 3)	Linda Claybough		
Grill (Need 2)			
Field Breakdown/ Clean up (Need 2)	Ford		

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).