

## Welcome to the 2008 Jr. Lancer Football Season

Here is some information that I hope you will find helpful. If any questions should arise, please email me at [canx5@hotmail.com](mailto:canx5@hotmail.com) or call me at 262-641-0768.

1. **Equipment Handout:** We will hand out equipment on August 2, 2008 at Brookfield Central High School, 16900 Gebhardt Rd, according to the following schedule:
  - 8:00 AM- 8<sup>th</sup> Grae
  - 8:45 AM- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 9:30 AM- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 10:15 AM- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Please arrive at the north side of the school, or the side closest to the practice fields. It is I important to come at the correct time for ease in distribution of equipment. If you have siblings in the program, you can come at the oldest player's assigned time. Also, we are in need of volunteers for this task. Please consider helping out.

If you are out of town on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will complete equipment hand out during the first week of practice with 8<sup>th</sup> graders going first. We have plenty of high quality equipment for the entire program.

2. **First Week of Practice:** Practices will begin at 5:30 PM. Our league requires 10 hours of non contact conditioning before full contact practices can occur. For this week, please have your player wear his helmet, a T-shirt and or practice jersey, shorts, athletic supporter and protective cup, and football shoes. **PLEASE PROVIDE PLENTY OF WATER!! Send more than you think is needed.** Some teams will fulfill the requirement in 4 days. Others will do so in 5. Your grade's coaches will make that decision and let you know. Please note the following locations:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Fields immediately north of the high school.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Fields immediately to the east of the stadium.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Fields located in the outfield of the softball field and area north of the outfield.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: St. John Vianney Parish.
3. **Allocation of Players:** The goal of the program is to make playing football an enjoyable experience for all participants. There are no "A" and "B" teams, nor are any teams divided on any other basis. The sole goal in the team division is to make each team balanced and as competitive as possible. The coaches at each grade level are given the responsibility to evenly divide the players. This process can take the first week, or possibly, longer. Your coaches will keep you advised of that process.
4. **Practice Schedules:** Prior to the beginning of the school year, league rules do not limit the amount of practice time. Typically, your team will practice 2 to 2.5 hours per day, Monday through Saturday. After school begins, practice is limited to 6 hours per week. Typically, these practices will occur on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Later in the season, adjustments will be made for darkness.
5. **Weather concerns:** We will practice in all types of weather. This is necessary because the games are held in all types of weather. **Practice will not be held in the event of lightning.** If lightning is noticed in the area during practice, all players are immediately escorted into Brookfield Central. You are free to come and pick up your child in that event.

6. **Important Dates:** We are tentatively scheduled to participate in a scrimmage at Whitnall High School on August 16, 2008. Also, we will play in the Mukwanago scrimmage on August 23, 2008. Those scrimmages are conducted in the morning.
7. **Parent's Day:** Will be held on August 9, 2008. You will receive further information on this.
8. **Transportation:** For practices, please arrange to have your player arrive on time for each practice. We require all coaches to be organized and ready to begin practice at the assigned time and to conduct efficient practices. As construction on Central's renovation begins, traffic may cause delays. For scrimmages and away games, with the exception of Brookfield East, one way bus transportation is provided.
9. **Vital websites:** Please refer to [www.juniorlancers.com](http://www.juniorlancers.com) and [www.aayfl.org](http://www.aayfl.org) for team and league information. It would be a good idea to check the Jr. Lancer site every day during the season.

Finally, we need volunteers. Please don't let the burden fall for your coach/his spouse. The coaches dedicate 7 days a week to the program and the players. They need your assistance. Work with your teams managers and pitch in. It will be a fun, enjoyable and rewarding experience.

If you have a question or concern about the program, notify a Board member immediately. We have over 225 players in the program, so we need to address any concerns immediately. We don't want small issues to become big issues.

Thank you, and best of luck for the 2008 season.

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