



# President's Newsletter

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Jr. Eagles Families,

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Season 2 as Junior Eagles is in full swing. While the weather could have cooperated a little better, I was encouraged to see so many people at our pep rally. We had families and friends of current players as well as members of past players. It was truly a terrific sight. I thank you for your support in that event. And our annual thanks go out again to Coach Fichter and Coach George, the entire IHS staff and the players/cheerleaders for their participation.

The certification/scrimmage event Saturday also was a success. We had missed out on a scrimmage opportunity last year, it was nice to have that back. The players always get antsy this time of year to "hit someone different"!

We have a big week of practice this week. Picture envelopes/picture day plus fundraising turn-in. Details are being communicated about picture day, be on the lookout for those. Even if you are not purchasing pictures, we would love for every child to be there for the team photographs. Coaches like to buy those, so it helps if as many kids as there as possible. Plus...it is a great dress rehearsal for the next day, our kickoff Sunday! There will be specific details about Sunday coming out to families later this week.

As mentioned above, Tuesday night is when we turn in fundraising packets/monies. This is MANDATORY. Fundraising will be collected at the Board tent (or possibly in cafeteria if rain is significant). Please make your way over to turn in your portion. **Failure to hand in fundraising will result in children missing games.** If you need to sell a few more items to meet the minimum, you could buy them yourselves. Or perhaps an Eagles family you know who buys out would buy an item from you. Make a last push at work to sell items. But please know it must be completed and turned in. There are no exceptions. Our program would not run without it.

Reminder, for new families especially, that home games are at the IHS Varsity field. The players arrival time is very important. Not only is stretching and full team warm ups imperative for several reasons, if a tackle player misses weigh-ins he/she can not play in the game. As it is with any practice, game or event, timeliness is appreciated. It shows respect to your teammates and coaches. Sometimes life gets in the way of sports for all of us. I just ask that you let your coaches know so that they are aware. Maybe there are car-pool options or shortcuts to shave 5 minutes off your day that they may be able to help with.

I will close with a reminder from the referees: ***Please remind your coaches, players, and spectators that the referee crews are under orders to comply with a Zero Tolerance policy. If a player, coach, or spectator is acting in a manner that is detrimental to the game, and impacting others, they WILL be removed immediately and without warning.*** Both the Junior Eagles and the AYFCL agree whole-heartedly with this policy. We take it a step further. If you are ejected you will also be suspended for the following game. Let's remember why we are all here in the first place, for the kids. There's no place in youth sports for that behavior. Let's keep all cheering positive, please.

Thank you for your continued support! Please don't hesitate to reach out at any event or email with questions or concerns or just general feedback.

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