

# The EndZone

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## Old Home Day Parade

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On Saturday, August 18, 2012 the entire LYFS organization will be participating in the Old Home Days Parade. **This is a mandatory event for all LYFS players, cheerleaders and coaches!**

If your child is unable to participate in the parade, please notify your child's head coach immediately. Last year we had close to 300 kids participate. Let's show Londonderry the same spirit this year!

**When:** Saturday, August 18, 2012  
**Time:** Meet at 9:30 am  
**Where:** Peabody Funeral Home on Mammoth Road

**Attire:** Football Players – **Blue Game Jersey**, with a t-shirt, shorts and sneakers are recommended! If it is warm, bring water to carry!

**Cheerleaders** – Cheer uniform. Consult with your coach as to whether a bodysuit should be worn or not. If it is warm, bring water to carry! **Do NOT wear your new cheer shoes.** Wear your practice shoes for the parade.

Parents, there is NO parking at Peabody Funeral Home on Saturday! This is strictly a drop-off.

Shortly after 9:30 access to Mammoth Rd will be limited! You may need to walk to the Peabody Funeral Home to drop off your child, due to the closing on Mammoth Rd. The parade starts at 10:30. At the end of the parade, meet your child at Mack's Apples to pick up your child from the coach.

Don't forget to visit the WildCat Concession Stand and WildCat Wares Store on the Commons !!!

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## Former LYFS & LHS Lancer Football Player at UCONN

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Spotlight: Ryan Griffin embarks on his senior year at UConn

Former LYFS & Londonderry Lancers student-athlete Ryan Griffin is a Tight End for Paul Pasqualoni & the UConn Huskies. As he enters his senior year in Storrs we thought we would share this article and the link to read more. Good Luck on a great year Ryan!

To read the full Nashua Telegraph Article Click Here- -> [Ryan Griffin](#) by Joe Marchilena -Staff Writer

Coming Soon another spotlight piece of another former LYFS student-athlete that now is a member of New England Patriot Cheer Team!

*Picture: Connecticut's Ryan Griffin catches a pass atop Syracuse defenders in the third quarter in a 28-21 win on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. Connecticut. (Stephen Dunn/Hartford Courant/MCT)*

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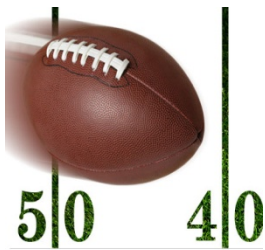
## Got Schedule?

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The LYFS teams play in two different leagues. The Jr. Varsity and Varsity teams participate in the NEJHFL (NorthEast Junior High Football League). The NEJHFL plays games with towns in the Sea Coast League. With two teams per town the schedule is relatively easy to create. We have that schedule and it will be posted on-line and shared with teams.

Speaking of easy, the AYF schedule is anything but easy. NO, we do not have a game schedule for the AYF season yet and do not expect one for another week. For families who have been with us for a while this is nothing new. For first-timers let's look at some of the numbers.



AYF (American Youth Football) in NH has 27 programs split into two divisions. Towns with the highest winning percentages over the past few years are in Division 1 and the others are placed in Division 2. In NH AYF teams can have up to six levels (Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, JV and Varsity). If each of the 27 programs had a team at each level, scheduling would be very easy. However, very few towns have a single team at each of these levels. Look at the Wildcats. We have only 4 AYF teams (the JV and Varsity play in a different league). Filling an 8 game schedule for all 27 towns becomes a near mathematical nightmare. Several towns may be dropping a grade-based team this week (due to small numbers) as the deadline for declaring squads is near. Did I say 8 games? Well, sometimes teams may only have 7 games or play 7 games in Division 1 and a Division 2 game (which does not count for playoffs). I'll stop confusing you.

In the best of worlds the LYFS AYF teams will have 4 home games with ALL teams playing at home on the same dates. This is what LYFS President Chris Cole has asked of the state. There are NO guarantees on this. Their may be weekends where the 4 AYF teams and the JV and Varsity will all be home. Those are busy days indeed !

Away games are a different issue. It can be pretty much guaranteed that on weeks that we play away games some of the teams will be in different towns. I hear the moans of families with kids on 3 or more teams or parents with kids on football and cheer – that may have to play away games at different locations across NH.

The bottom line on a sometimes confusing situation is that we do not yet have a schedule, we do not control the schedule, and lastly, once a schedule is provided it is subject to change. **Stay tuned...**

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## Volunteer Sign-Ups

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Part of our success is the fact that we have so many volunteers to help support the kids!! From board members, coaches, team-parents and ultimately you. Every WildCat family has a set of volunteer hours to provide in support of the program. We have lots of choices and opportunities from concession, to chains, to MPR, to cheer competition, to WildCat Wares store, OHD.....

We will be posting the Volunteer Schedule at the fields on the WildCat Wares store the week of AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions about volunteer hours and support contact At-large-Board Member and Volunteer Coordinator Tanya Lemay at [tanya.lemay@LYFS.org](mailto:tanya.lemay@LYFS.org)

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## 3rd Annual WildCat Auction Dinner & Dance

*By Chris Cole*

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LYFS has teamed up with the LHS Gridiron Club for yet another fun event. More details will come but the date has been set for the Third Annual Auction Dinner & Dance. The Gridiron Club is a parent organization supporting the LHS Lancer football team.

**Date: Saturday, September 22nd (6 pm to Midnight)**

**Location: Promises To Keep - 199 Rockingham Rd. - Derry, NH**

**Music Provided by DJ Scott Hudson**

Cost is individual \$60, couples \$100, or table of ten for \$400. Tickets are on sale now at the WildCat Wares Store, through the Gridiron Club or online through WildCat Wares online store. If you or your business would like to contribute to this fantastic event, place a program ad or you just want to participate or make a contribution feel free to contact:

LYFS Fundraising Director - Ryan Ouellette at [ryan.ouellette@lyfs.org](mailto:ryan.ouellette@lyfs.org) or 603-305-5276

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## Old Home Day Movie/Kidz Night

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Movie – Kidz Night – August 16

On the Londonderry town common the WildCat concession stand will be available and set up to feed the crowds of Londonderry families attending this annual OHD event. Come bring the kids for some OHD fun, a movie, and some WildCat goodies from our concession stand.

- Kidz Night starts at 5:30 pm
- Movie starts at 9:00 pm

Volunteers are starting at 2 pm through 5 pm – to set up the concession stand.

WildCat concession OPENS at 8:00 pm and runs to the end of the movie. WildCats are the only concession for the movie – so lets hope we have LOTS of hungry kids and families !!

Movie night volunteer list is - [HERE](#) – What a perfect time to get your volunteer hours in.

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## Football Game Pants - Reminder

Parents check to make sure that your football player(s) have black football game pants. These were provided to you at equipment pick-up. It is important to make sure these fit. Please, have your child try on the pants with the pads installed. If they do not fit – please bring them back to the equipment shed for replacement. Don't wait until game day to find out they don't fit.

This also applies to any football or cheer game day equipment, don't wait until game day to find out if they fit correctly – and make sure you're not missing any WildCat provided gear.