



Dear Parents,

The season is finally upon us and we are very excited to get out on the field to compete and demonstrate how hard we have been working. As a coach, it is exciting to see young men mature since the previous season. Commitment and sacrifices have been the norm for these young men. They have worked harder and sacrificed more than any other team in recent history. It started after Thanksgiving last year, when twenty two of our young men locked themselves in the weight room three days a week after school. This core group of young men set the tone for the rest of the off-season. The off-season culminated in defensive team camp which the guys were pushed to limits they never thought they could reach. They competed against some of the best teams in the state and fared well. Coaches and players have worked hard. The important thing is the boys came out of camp with the belief and confidence needed to compete with good teams. We are looking for a transfer of this to the regular season.

We are extremely excited about our freshmen football team. The coaches have worked hard with them throughout the summer. We feel like they could be a special group of young men. They have shown great character and maturity which we feel is a must in their development. Will there be hurdles for them as they continue grow? Sure, there will be and we will be there to advise and nurture them.

This is a new season for not only football, but in the lives of our young men. I have made a commitment to help support these young men in their academic endeavors by hiring an Academic Coach who will monitor the progress of the players. He will be a liaison between player, coach, and parent. We sincerely want to hold them to a higher standard academically than has been in the past.

When I took over as Head Coach I wanted to upgrade the facilities. In my first year we renovated the freshmen locker room. Last year we started renovating the lockers in the Varsity locker room, the showers, and the training and equipment rooms. This is an ongoing process which we will hopefully complete this year with your help. You can help by volunteering physically or monetarily.

Our schedules this year are very tough on all three levels. It is not an un-daunting task to compete at this level. It will be an amazing thing to see if we can become a family and team of one mind and one heart beat. I am excited and honored to be your son's coach. I hope he is excited to be a part of the Tiger family. I am looking forward to the season and to getting to know you and your son. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns.

Sincerely,

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