

FOOTBALL ANSWERS AND INFORMATION

- PLAYERS MUST HAVE **CURRENT PHYSICAL** ON FILE WITH THE SCHOOL. OUR PRACTICE WILL BEGIN PRIOR TO THE SCHOOL YEAR; ONCE THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTS THE OFFICE WILL CHECK TO BE SURE YOUR STUDENT HAS A CURRENT PHYSICAL.
- **PRACTICE WILL BEGIN PRIOR TO THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTING. FIRST PRACTICE WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 31st. FROM 4-6P.M. ALL PLAYERS REPORT TO THE GYM WEARING A T-SHIRT, RUNNING SHORTS, RUNNING SHOES OR CLEATS.**

THE SCHOOL PROVIDES ALL EQUIPMENT. YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO PROVIDE CLEATS AND AN ATHLETIC CUP.

- ONCE SCHOOL STARTS: PRACTICE WILL BE HELD MON-FRI FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS. PRACTICE WILL BE FROM 2:50-5:30. PARENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO WATCH PRACTICE, WE DO ASK HOWEVER THAT YOU ABIDE BY SCHOOL POLICY AND REMAIN OFF THE PRACTICE FIELD.
- YOUR PLAYER **MUST** MEET ALL THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE. THE COACHING STAFF CANNOT AND WILL NOT OVER RIDE THE SCHOOL ON ELIGIBILITY SO PLEASE BE SURE YOUR PLAYER UNDERSTANDS THAT **GRADES COME FIRST.**
- THIS YEARS TEAM, LIKE LAST YEARS WILL BE 7TH AND 8TH GRADE COMBINED. WE FOCUS ON SAFETY FIRST AND SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME ON PROPER FORM. THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO TEACH THE PLAYERS THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFENCE AND DEFENSE.
- **OUR GOAL IS THAT EVERY PLAYER ENJOYS THE EXPERIENCE OF FOOTBALL AND TEAMWORK.** WE CANNOT EMPHASIZE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP ENOUGH.
- IN THE PAST MIDDLE SCHOOL GAMES HAVE BEEN ON **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS.** ONCE WE ARE SURE OF THIS YEARS GAMES YOU WILL RECEIVE A COMPLETE SCHEDULE.

- WE CONSIDER YOUR PLAYER A **YOUNG ADULT** IN THE SPIRIT OF THIS WE ASK THAT **THEY** APPROACH US WITH ANY QUESTIONS/ PROBLEMS THEY HAVE. IF WE CANNOT WORK OUT A SOLUTION TO THE ISSUE, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO INVOLVE THE PARENT.

- YOUR HEAD COACH FOR THE SEASON IS

JEFF ANDERSON- JEFF HAS BEEN THE HEAD COACH AT NORTH MIDDLE FOR SEVEN YEARS, BEFORE MOVING TO MICHIGAN HE WAS A COACH IN ILLINOIS FOR THE CRYSTAL LAKE PARK DISTRICT LEAGUE. YOU MAY CONTACT HIM AT ANY TIME ON HIS CELL AT (269) 317-2913 OR E-MAIL jeffiabc@yahoo.com

- THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED DURING THE FOOTBALL SEASON. WE WILL BE ASKING FOR ALL KINDS OF VOLUNTEERS AND IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL.

PLEASE E-MAIL COACH ANDERSON OR CALL IF YOUR SON IS INTERESTED IN PLAYING THIS SEASON. **WE ALSO ENCOURAGE THAT ALL OF OUR PLAYERS ATTEND THE PORTAGE NORTHERN FOOTBALL CAMP.**

******THIS YEAR THE TEAM WILL BE GETTING NEW JERSEYS! THESE WILL RUN EACH PLAYER \$25.00-\$30.00. THESE JERSEY'S WILL BE KEPT BY THE 8TH GRADERS AT THE END OF THE SEASON. 7TH GRADERS WILL TURN IN THEIR JERSEY'S TO BE REISSUED THEIR 8TH GRADE YEAR AND THEN KEPT AT THE END OF THAT SEASON. WE WILL SEND MORE INFORMATION WHEN WE GET FURTHER INTO NEXT YEARS ACTIVITIES. THIS IS JUST A "HEADS-UP" THAT THE FEE WILL BE COMING.*******

WE HAVE ALSO WORKED WITH A PRINTING COMPANY THE PAST 6 YEARS TO PROVIDE HOODED SWEATSHIRTS FOR THE PLAYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH THE PLAYERS NAMES AND NUMBERS ON THE BACK. WE WILL OFFER