



HORNET NEWS JANUARY 2022

Hello again to all our family and friends. The Green Hornets Board of Directors would like to give an update on some things as we continue to prepare for our upcoming season.

- 1) Unfortunately, due to the rising cases with Covid, we had to take our January board meeting to a smaller location. This is the reason we didn't post information on that. Once we can safely have our meeting in a larger location, we will announce that for anyone to attend.
- 2) We are in the midst of some big changes for this upcoming season, and we wanted to ensure that we communicated things as early as possible for all.
 - a. Registration
 - i. We will open our online portal for pre-registration on 2/1. Please understand that this does NOT finalize your registration. There is paperwork for Green Hornets/ESFL that needs to be completed and turned in. We will set up dates in coming months for you to hand that in, or you may scan and email that to registration@greenhornetsfootball.org.
 1. 2/26 - Walk-in Registration and Paperwork Turn-In at Buffalo Wild Wings (1pm-2:30pm, 9Mile/Harper location)
 - a. Please understand that only completed paperwork be accepted. For full list of required documents please reference the registration packet pdf you received when registering online.
 - b. Equipment
 - i. With costs rising the potential for a registration increase was very much in discussion over the past 4-6 weeks. Due to the struggle that everyone is facing in these times the board has decided to NOT move forward with a registration increase for the 2022 season. However, we will not be offering custom uniforms. The organization will be moving to a model of re-using football jerseys for the Freshman, JV and Varsity squads year over year. Flag will continue using the dri-fit shirts as they have been, which they will keep.
 1. This means that for our tackle squad's players will be sized and given a jersey with a number. We will try to accommodate number requests, however, that cannot be guaranteed.
 - a. These jerseys will need to be returned at the end of the year, with the rest of the equipment.
 2. We understand that some families do want that custom jersey, therefore, the board is looking at a method in which we can do a bulk order for those parents who do wish to order one for their child. When we have more details on this, including cost (the org will charge cost of this jersey with no markup) we will announce that. Please note that this jersey is for your/child's personal use and is not to be used during games this fall.
 - ii. Helmets - All of our helmets will go out for inspection and reconditioning (by Riddell) in early February. You will see a distinct difference in our helmet next fall, we may even share a sneak peek in the future... 😊
 - iii. Cheer Uniforms - On top of the equipment discussed above our Cheer Director is busy looking at cheer uniforms for our cheer participants. We expect these new uniforms to be top notch and something our participants can get excited about. Again, maybe we will conduct a sneak peak in the future... 😊



- c. Fundraising
 - i. As mentioned, the board has decided to not pursue a registration increase for this year. Therefore, we will have plenty of fundraisers in the coming months that we are currently looking into. We will share details of these fundraisers as we lock in that information. However, one potential is a bowling fundraiser in early March (more information to come as quickly as possible surrounding this possible event). Please understand that successful fundraisers are something that greatly helps the organization keep costs down as much as possible. The more we can raise, the more we are able to offer and pass on to the families of the Green Hornets.
- d. Sponsorship
 - i. We have a great sponsorship offering for this year. If you, or any business you know, is interested in sponsoring the Green Hornets please let us know and we will have our Sponsorship Director get in touch as quickly as possible. Please note that the Green Hornets are a 501c3 entity. So, any donation is tax exempt.
- e. Off-season training
 - i. We are looking into avenues for some off-season training with our coaches. However, this is proving to be a little difficult with the current situation surrounding covid cases rising. Please know that as soon as we can set up these sessions, we will communicate those details.

These are just a few things that we are undertaking at the moment. As you can see it is a full plate, but the group of people that make up the board for the Green Hornets is working hard to make 2022 the best it can be. Thank you again for your time.

Green Hornets Board of Directors