

West Valley Middle School



Football

Dear Football Parents:

I know that it is still the summer and that you are probably not even thinking about football yet. However, our fall season begins as soon as school starts, so I wanted to send out some info as soon as possible. It will still be a few weeks before we even get the first draft of our schedule from the league. Hopefully, we should have it a week or so before school starts. For now, here is some basic info.

All grades will be playing together on one team—entering in the “A” Division of our League. We will not have enough players for a split squad that would play in different divisions.

The fee to play this season is \$50. The players will receive a uniform to wear for the games; however, the uniform will need to be turned in at the end of the season, as the fee covers costs like referee charges, gym fees, and equipment. We will also need your permission for your child to ride in the school van and/or with other WVMS parents to and from the games. If we do not have your permission, then we will not be able to transport your child to and from the games.

We will be playing against many nearby schools—teams like Merry Hill, Almaden Prep, etc. Most of these games will be played at WVMS or at different sites all within 30 minutes or less driving time from the WVMS campus.

The **games** for this Fall Season will be played in September-November. Most of the games will have a start time of 3:30 or 4:30pm.

{If you are unable to attend a game, it is OK for your child to bring a cell phone to the games so that you may keep in contact with them. However, please remember that the phone is their responsibility and we cannot hold her phone for them while they are playing. Furthermore, please do not expect your child to answer your phone call while he/she is playing in the game!}

PRACTICE

Once school starts practices will be held everyday so all players can get acclimated to one another and learn all of our plays and positions they will be playing. After the season starts practices will be held two to three days a week depending on the game schedule. (Practice is mandatory for all players but we realize that there will be days where your child will not be able to attend. I ask that prior notice be given so we can adjust our practice accordingly.)

There will be three practices on **August 20th, 25th and 27th from 10 – 11am**. The players will need to wear athletic shoes and comfortable clothing (no pants.) The PE uniform would be perfect! Every player needs to have (and wear) a pair of football cleats and a mouth piece for every practice and every game.

August 21st 6-7pm - WVMS Parent Info Night. Wouldn't it be great if we had our game schedule by this evening? Attend the meeting and find out!!

Tuesday, September 2nd!!! First day of school and first day of Mandatory Football Practice. Come ready to play

The team is also scheduled to play in a one day football tournament at St. Victors School in early October. I will let all parents know the date and time as well as the full season schedule once the league has completed it.

Please let me know if you have any questions throughout the season.

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