## Hello Twelve Bridges Football Families!

It is an honor and a privilege to be communicating with you as the new head football coach of TBHS! We are so excited to begin this journey with you and your child. The building of a program from the ground up is quite an undertaking and one that I am beyond excited about. It is important for you to know that we are working diligently to hit the ground running when Twelve Bridges High School officially opens.

Our football website <a href="www.12Bfootball.com">www.12Bfootball.com</a> will host most of the information that you will need for your son or daughter. The website is a work in progress and will not go live until May 16th. Practice dates, times, important links, schedule information, etc. will be easily accessible. Please use the website when searching for information before contacting coaches.

I wanted to give you some information to put on your radar over the next few weeks. Our first parent meeting is not until June 1st and I wanted to give you as much of a heads up as possible. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

- Schoolwide parent meeting: Principal Mike Maul and the rest of the Twelve Bridges
  coaches will be holding a parent meeting on June 1st from 6:30-7:30. The focus is on
  sports overall, however you will have the opportunity to meet with me and my staff via
  google meet.
- 2. **Football only parent meeting**: We will be holding a football only meeting in the middle of June (TBD). My hope is that we will be able to meet in person, but I won't know for sure until more information is available. This will be mandatory for all parents.
- 3. **Spirit Pack / Equipment**: All players are required to order specific clothing items from our online store. The store opens from May 10th-17th. I know by the time you read this the store will have already been open. That's ok. Although we want the items ordered as soon as possible, more stores will be opened up in the near future to buy these items.
  - a. Team Store link:https://www.bsnteamsports.com/index.php
    - i. Frosh Access Code: NopUgLCUyh
    - ii. JV Access Code: AMHbozUoWB
  - b. The link will let you know which items are mandatory and which items are optional. \*JV: Please order one grey shirt and one green shirt. The sooner these items are ordered, the more we can truly start looking like a team once practice begins. Most items will be delivered 2-3 weeks from the time the store closes.
  - c. NOTE: All players will be handed out the following equipment by the school: Helmet, shoulder pads, practice pants, game uniforms. Of course, players can purchase their own helmets and shoulder pads if they so choose. It will be your responsibility to match up the helmet colors. However, we have purchased the

highest rated helmets and shoulder pads to provide maximum safety for our players.

- 4. Summer practice dates and expectations: To put a quality program together, it is imperative that we have high expectations for attending practice. We understand that things come up or parents want to go on vacation. Please do your best to go on vacation during the period of July 2nd-July 18th. Practice times will be Monday-Thursday from 5:30-8:30pm. Reminder that our website will have all of these dates listed. Important dates for summer are below:
  - a. June 14th-17th JV practice begins!
  - b. June 21st-24th Frosh practice begins! JV continues...
  - c. June 28th-July 1st Frosh / JV practice
  - d. July 2nd-July 18th No practice. This is a great time to go on vacation!
  - e. July 19th-July 22nd Conditioning week
  - f. July 26th-July 30th First week of helmets and shoulder pads (Acclimatization week)
  - g. August 2nd-August 6th First week of full pads
  - h. August 9th-August 12th Second week of full pads
  - i. August 13th or August 14th Scrimmage vs WSCA @ Twelve Bridges
  - j. August 20th First game!
    - i. The game schedule is still being built. We will send it out once it has been completed.
- 5. **Football Class**: It is critical that your son or daughter is signed up for the Football Weights class. Lifting weights is important for the safety of our players and the establishment of our culture.
- 6. **Fundraising**: Football is a self-funded sport. Besides money for helmets and shoulder pads, we do not receive money from the school. We also do not receive the gate money from football games. That money is put into an account that supports all sports at TBHS. Running a football program is very expensive. Therefore, it is important that we are aggressive in our fundraising efforts to create a high quality program. The following are some examples of fundraising events we will be doing this year:
  - a. Lift-A-Thon
    - i. This particular fundraising event is where we raise money for our player donations.
  - b. Rhino Cards
    - These cards are discount cards that can be used throughout the Lincoln community. These cards are popular and raise quite a bit of money for our program.
  - c. Sponsorships
    - i. We are actively seeking sponsors for our program. There are various levels. Please reach out to me with any questions.
  - d. Voluntary Athletic Contributions and Student Body Stickers

- i. The school asks that all athletes provide a voluntary athletic contribution (VAC)of \$80.00 that helps offset the cost of transportation and purchase a student body sticker for \$50.00 that goes towards paying for officials and other costs for high school athletics. The VAC will go directly towards supporting football costs for transportation. The student body sticker allows the student to enter all sporting events for free for the entire year, and also provides discounts on things like school dances.
- 7. **Parental Involvement**: We know that by the time parents get to high school many are burned out from numerous hours of volunteering, travel, etc...However, we think the sign of a healthy program is finding ways to get parents involved in low-risk, easy to manage situations. From filming on game days, helping as a trainer or doctor/RN, reaching out to sponsors, etc, we have a lot of opportunities!
  - a. We do have Parent Volunteer Hours (10) at Twelve Bridges. There will be more information about this in the future. In the meantime, if you would like to get some of these hours knocked out, our firework's booth (June 28th-July 4th) needs staffing. Look for an email in the near future once we have established our parent email list.

Respectfully,

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