

Football Parent Meeting  
March 4, 2024  
7pm  
9th Grade Cafe

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Katie Dearing, TouchDown Club President

**1. Introduction of the new TouchDown Club Board:**

Chip Best - Vice President  
Erik Hogan - Treasurer  
Dixie Johnson - Secretary

**2. Introduction of Coach Kevin Whitley (Coach Whit)**

Coach encouraged parents to get involved and get to know each other this season! He shared his cell phone with parents: 404.966.5208

Game Schedule - posted on SportsYou app

Practice Schedule (Spring, Summer and Dead Weeks) will be shared at April meeting - Summer practice will be Monday-Thursday in the morning hours.

Community Involvement - players will be asked to volunteer for community service this year:

1. Habitat For Humanity
2. Bridging the Gap
3. Backpack Buddies

dragonflyathletics.com - Go to this website, set up an account and make sure your child's paperwork/physical is current - If you get physical **after** April 1st, it will be good for the entire next school year & apply to all other sports.

SportsYou App - Coach Whit will communicate with parents/players through this app:

Access Codes

Players Group - MYXP-6YLA  
Parents Group - NWRE-S3HE  
Grade Levels (Parents & Players)  
Seniors - 3KU-EAHZ  
Juniors - 9ZG9-KU5C  
Sophomores - CTL6-YER2  
Freshman - FBNN-6MRS

Recruiting - Coach will meet with Senior parents after meeting:

Mercer - June 1st & June 3rd  
Kennesaw - May 31st & June 2nd  
Clark University - May 30th

\*Be sure to let Coach Whit know if you are planning to go to any camps!

### 3. TouchDown Club

Treasurer, Eric Hogan, discussed the Treasurer Report - printouts were available

What the School Pays For:

- Helmets
- Shoulder Pads
- Referees
- Security
- Hudl

What the TouchDown Club Pays For:

- All pre-gam/post-game meals - last year cost over \$16,000
- New Jerseys - split with athletic department, our part will be around \$6,000
- Replacement of Senior jerseys (given to them at Banquet) - \$2,500
- End of Season Banquet - \$6,000
- Coaches Supplements/End of Year Gifts - Over \$13,000
- Requests for other equipment needed (girdles, mouth pieces, knee pads, Nutrition Room, Pan Sled (\$4,000), industrial washing machine & dryer (we currently have 2 home models. An industrial machine can do 6 loads of a home-based machine)

### 4. Parent Packet Info

Player/Parent Sheet - please complete and return tonight before you leave - reach out to Katie Dearing on SportsYou App if you still need to complete this form.

Player Fees - Parents can choose between 3 levels of player fees. Fees can be paid for through fund-raising options below.

1. Player Pack: \$350
  - Spirit Pack
  - All pre & post game meals
  - End of year banquet ticket
2. Viking Silver: \$600
  - Player Pack
  - TouchDown Club Membership (2 car stickers, home game tailgates, preferred seating at all home games, weekly stats email, 2 Exclusive Loyalty Patches, 2 end of year banquet tickets)
3. Viking Crimson: \$1,000
  - Player Pack
  - TouchDown Club Membership
  - 2 Loyalty Patch hats
  - 2 tickets for each home varsity game
  - 2 shirts
  - 2 sweatshirts

## **5. Fundraisers** - All funds must be raised and submitted **no later than August 2, 2024**

1. Lift-a-thon (March - May)
2. Pick A Date (June) - post on your social media - ask family & friends to donate
3. Outback Take-Out Tickets (July) - players will sell tickets for entree & 2 sides - have through August to redeem tickets.

## **6. Committees**

Parents are asked to sign up to serve on one of our 14 committees:

1. Fundraising: business sponsors, banners, plaques, coin flips
2. Merchandise: parent sales, Kids Camp shirts, spirit packs, coach's gear, hoodies
3. Meals: schedule meals for players & coaches, line-up volunteers, supplies, allergies
4. Pictures: Google Drive, banquet video
5. Golf Tournament: plan & conduct golf tournament
6. Concessions: ordering, staffing
7. Game Stats: stats for the games
8. TouchDown Club: tailgates, gifts, recruitment
9. Creative Team: website, Instagram, X, Facebook
10. Banquet: location, food, setup/cleanup
11. Senior Night: gifts, locker decorations
12. Grade Level Representatives: plan grade-level socials, text group
13. Kids Camp: concessions, flyers, prizes
14. College Visits: get players to schools

## **7. What's Coming up Next:**

Save the Date: Kids' Camp - July 23rd - 25th, 5:30-8pm

Save the Date: End of the Season Banquet - January 12, 2025

Bylaw Revisions are in progress

Corporate Sponsorships

Coaching Staff - should be in place by April

Cheerleading Sponsor requested that banner info be shared with them

Coach Whit asked that parents "Like" & "Follow" everything posted on social media regarding Northgate football!

Herbert Betts, Principal of Madras Middle School, announced that upcoming 9th graders will have a chance to take PE this summer, so they can take weight lifting with the football team in the Fall.

Next Meeting - **Monday, April 8th @ 7pm - 9th Grade Cafeteria** - Meetings will take place on the first Monday of each month, unless it's a holiday

