

# **Spartans Youth Football, Inc.**

## **Sample Pre-Season Email**

Hello Spartan Families-

Is everybody "Ready for Some Football"...your coaches certainly **are** and we're very excited to start the season next week. We're looking forward to getting the boys off and "Running" towards working very hard for a great season and "A LOT" of Fun!

We wanted to send a final update before our first practice next week to summarize a number of emails you've received over the past couple of days.

### **1. Equipment Pick-Up/Exchange Times:**

Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>...5:00-6:00 pm and Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup> before practice at 4:00-4:45 pm.

### **2. Parent Meeting:**

There will be a "Parent Meeting" starting at 7:15-7:45 pm after our "First Practice" in the Fieldhouse.

### **3. Weigh-In Times:**

Mandatory Weigh-In is August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:10 am "SHARP" at MATC Truax Campus! If anybody needs a ride please communicate with us to make arrangements. There is an "Alternate Weigh-In" on August 14<sup>th</sup>...This is "ONLY" for those out of town and can't make the Mandatory time. Remember if you don't make either one of these dates your "Son" won't be able to play.

### **4. Scrimmage:**

Our "Scrimmage" date has been set for August 23<sup>rd</sup> sometime after we "Weigh-In". I don't have a time as of yet, but we'll scrimmage at "Warner Park". (This is why I want everyone at the "Mandatory" weigh-in so we'll be together for our "Scrimmage"!

### **5. Practice/Fall Schedule:**

See first attachment...Please copy and put on "Fridge" this is our practice schedule for the entire season.

### **6. Youth Night:**

The entire "Youth Program" will be honored at the Memorial Varsity Football's first home game. We need to have full "Attendance"!

### **7. Spartan Youth Football Apparel:**

See second attachment...If there's something that looks interesting please submit order w/check by August 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **8. Parent Rep:**

**We are going to need "TWO" parent reps this season. I will be looking for volunteers to help out. I'll have an outline of responsibilities to follow and it's not that "Big of a Deal"! So...any volunteers?**

Parents...Please don't "Worry" as the season moves along we'll definitely provide updates and reminders to the boys at practice for the events listed. However...It will help if you could make necessary copies of this email and others along with information provided to stay informed.

Thanks Everyone!

**"Go Spartans"**

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## Sample Game Re-Cap Email

Hello Spartan Nation-

A quick re-cap on Tuesday Night's game...

Whenever we can go into Middleton on their home field and beat them is always a good thing. The boys have waited a long time to go against someone with a different color jersey and they sure is heck performed pretty darn well. Our talk before the game was to play with a lot of passion and emotion. Because we know there will be mistakes and we need move on and be ready for the next play. I couldn't be more proud of the way all of them took that to heart and played the way they did.

Offensively...

Our linemen did an outstanding job across the front 5 and I'm especially proud of this group of young men. They were able to make holes when running and provide enough time for our QB's to make reads and deliver the ball when passing. And on top of that they collectively had just a few mistakes. Just a great job by all of them.

Our Running Backs ran with a lot of energy and one of things we tell them is to be the deliverer and not the receiver of hits. I don't know how much you could hear from the stands, but standing on the sidelines I could hear some pretty loud cracks of the pads by all of them following through with this. Because of their hard running we didn't have to punt the entire night.

Our Receivers play such an import role as potential ball carries when we pass, but more importantly they're down field blockers for a lot of the time. They were able to work in concert with the linemen providing running lanes for our backs, that's what we practice and that's what they did. There were also a few good catches and RAC (run after catch) yards, which was great to see. Once again...a job well done by them.

QB's...I'll say this right away. I'm pretty tight lipped when it comes to this group because of the so called attention they get and I hate that about the position! But, both of them have had a lot thrown at them by me and I expect a lot out of them mentally. There were a few mistakes made by both, which will be corrected. But, overall they did a great job running our offense and making plays when it counted.

Defensively...

I'll just say this...when you have a couple of fumble recoveries, a couple of picks and only allow them on our half of the field only twice. Can you say DOMINATE, 'because that's exactly what they did. It's amazing to me to think these boys are only 8<sup>th</sup> graders but they sure heck hit like they're in high school. Everybody made some sort of play out there and that's a tribute to them.

Lastly on the game...

I'd like to make a special mention about our new players. With this being their first game and seeing how the emotion gets ratcheted up, they sure is heck didn't miss a beat. They all jumped in there and played like they've been there before. Job well done boys!

Other Notes...

Here's the latest news on the jerseys...I've been told they have been delivered either yesterday or will be delivered today. I'm following up on this to make sure we get them in time for Saturday's game and I'll hopefully be able to pass them out at tomorrow's practice.

Secondly...with the earlier games it's very important the boys get a good nights rest on Friday night and have a little something to eat and drink in the morning before they play. We want to see the intensity right away from them, being through this many times before I just know playing early can be hard for some. So...if you can make sure they follow through with this that would be great!!

Thirdly...you're going to notice on the boys helmets small "Spartan Stickers". These are pride stickers that we've done over the past couple of years as incentive for the boys to make positive plays on the field.

Lastly...make sure the boys are dressed warm enough for our morning games. Playing in the early morning will be a lot cooler and it will be wet because of the dew on the ground. All season we've been practicing in the warm afternoon sun and there is an adjustment mentally when you're playing when the temperature isn't as ideal. So...please make sure they're prepared.

### Friday Practice & Game updates:

1. **Practice Time:** Practice tomorrow night (Friday) will be from 5:00 – 7:00. **HELMET AND SHOULDER PADS ONLY!**
2. **Academic Cards:** Our Parent Rep (Deb Wynne) will be at our practice around 6:45pm to pick up "ACADEMIC CARDS". So make sure they take their cards with them to SCHOOL on Friday's to get signed by their teachers and YOU and bring with them to practice. I've said all along to the boys..."That Card is YOUR TICKET TO PLAY"!! If they don't have their card or have negative and/or unsatisfactory remarks their playing time will be adjusted and/or miss the playing that week.
3. **Game Location:** Memorial Practice Fields (We'll play on the first field (Sophomore Field) with goal posts.
4. **Game Date/Time "Green Team":** Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am **Be at the field at 7:30 am sharp dressed and ready to go!!**
5. **Season Schedule:** Attached is our season schedule...I've enhanced it somewhat with records and scores for all the teams in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I'll update this each week as well.

Once Again...All the coaches would like to "Thank" you the parents for your help in getting your son at practice on time and being a part of the whole "Football Experience"!! Thanks Again for all your support! **"Go Spartans"**