



# GRIFFINS FOOTBALL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in the Eric Hamber Griffins Football Program! We welcome all players of any ability and experience level. The primary focus of our program is to develop confidence, team skills, and athleticism through the game of football. While we play in a collision sport, player safety is our priority in all team activities.

Please know that all our coaches are volunteers and invest a lot of time striving to provide a high-quality program that is safe, enjoyable, and competitive for everyone involved with our program.

*THE FOOTBALL TEAM DOES NOT HAVE TRY-OUTS – EVERYONE MAKES THE TEAM. BY COMING OUT& REGISTERING, YOU ARE COMMITTING TO JOINING THE TEAM.*

## **TEAM FEES - \$60**

Team fees include a team t-shirt and access to all protective equipment, uniforms, medical supplies, footballs, field equipment, training supplies, referees, and transportation.

Please reach out to Coach Gibson with any concerns regarding team fees.

**All equipment and uniforms are property of the Eric Hamber Griffins Football Program** and will need to be replaced by the player if lost or damaged beyond typical and proper use.

## **SEASON TIMELINE**

Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – players will receive equipment & have their first practice

Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> – Tentative date for Jamboree @ Carson Graham (first games)

Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tentative date for equipment return and end of season

## **PRACTICES**

- 3:30pm-4:45pm on Monday-Thursday at, or within walking distance, of the school.
- Practices can include on field practice, fitness sessions, volunteer sessions, classroom sessions, or homework/study sessions.
- Participation in practice is necessary to develop football skills as well as awareness in safe contact techniques and building confidence. Coaches will not put players in game situations if they have not seen them perform in practice.

## **GAMES**

- We will have 4-5 weeks of games, historically played on Thursdays (occasionally we have played on Fridays). Complete schedule will be released prior to Spring Break.
- Please understand we strive to have all students participate in games in a safe and meaningful manner. This grade 8 season is intended to be developmental, and we believe this best occurs in practice. All players will gain game experience in a way that is meaningful and safe for everyone; however, we believe **safe player development takes priority over equitable game time.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school, or through email.

Thank You!

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