

Dear Parents,

We are excited to begin our 8th year of Grand Rapids Christian Youth Football. Last season was a great success! There were over 150 boys on 7 teams. This league allows students from Ada, Evergreen, Rockford, Westside Christian Elementary schools, as well as Grand Rapids Christian Elementary and Middle School to participate together. Our program also welcomes boys from many other area schools. This is very exciting as this group forms the nucleus of the GR Christian High teams of the future. There is a parent board of directors which oversees the entire youth football program.

In order to prepare for the fall season we will again be having spring sign-ups. **Returning players may mail** their completed forms and fees to :GRCYF 501 Morris SE GR 49503. The dates for registrations are **Monday, May 10, 2010 and Wednesday, May 12, 2009 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Stapert Commons at Grand Rapids Christian High School, located by the main office. Please park on the east side of the building by Shawnee Park Church.**

**If your child is new to the league we will need a copy of your child's birth certificate.**

Here is the information about GRCYF:

Program

Philosophy: The goal is to emphasize teaching and execution of football fundamentals. Opportunity will be given to all participants to test their skills in practice and game situations. A plan exists that allows for a certain amount of playing time for each player in each game.

Teams: We will have four divisions: 8 & 9 year olds, 10 & 11 year olds, 12 thru 14 year olds, and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. For the 8&9, 10&11, and 12 -14 year old teams the league requires that the team on which a boy participates be determined by his age as of 11/1/10.

League: The 8 – 14 year old teams are a part of the Northern Rocket Football League. These teams will play teams from other areas such as East Grand Rapids, Kentwood, Caledonia, Lowell, Sparta, Cedar Springs, and others.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team is a part of the Big Ten Football League and will play teams from Kenowa Hills, East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills Eastern, Central and Northern, Lowell, and Rockford.

Games: Each team will play 7 games starting on September 11, 2010. The 8&9, 10&11, and 12-14 year olds will play on Saturdays. Team match ups are determined by the NRFL each week based on win/loss record and therefore we find out exact time and location of games on a weekly basis. There is no set schedule.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be play 7 games on Wednesday evenings. They will receive a set schedule at the beginning of the season with their first game being Sept. 8.

Practices: Practices begin on August 23, 2010 for all NRFL teams. All teams will practice 4 days the first week for conditioning. After this first week the 8&9, 10&11 and 12-14 year olds will have two contact practices per week along with a non-contact practice. Practices for the 8&9, 10&11 and 12-14 year olds will be at the MVP Fieldhouse at 5435 28<sup>th</sup> St Ct. or at the GR Christian Stadium.

**The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team will begin practice on August 16, 2010,** with four practices this week. They will practice three times a week after this initial week. Practices will be held at Grand Rapids Christian High School on the Stadium field or as directed by space requirements.

One issue that we would like to address is that of dual participation. Your son can participate in another sport or some other activity during the football season. If it is your wish that your son be a participant in both football and another sport or activity, and you are convinced that he is able to meet the practice obligations of both, we are willing to cooperate fully in that desire.

Equipment: All players must have the following equipment in order to participate. Helmet, shoulder pads, practice jersey, mouth guard, pants, cleats, and cup. We do have a financial assistance program to ensure that every boy may play regardless of financial need.

Cost: \$55.00 registration fee.  
\$35.00 jersey fee. If your son already has a GRCYF team jersey from last year he may continue to use it or, if your child needs a new, larger jersey please write his number on the order form. Your child may keep his GRCYF jersey and number through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. New athletes, please note we can not accept specific number requests for your jersey.

Late fee: **Anyone registering after the registration dates will pay a \$30.00 late fee. Due to the large number of players per available teams, this will be enforced this year.**

Website: Our website is [www.grcyf.com](http://www.grcyf.com). This website enables us to communicate game times, changes in practice, cancellations, team rosters, coaching staff, registration forms, and high school football summer camp information.

Please complete the registration forms from our website and mail them in or bring them along with your payment to one of the sign-up dates. There will be a mandatory parent meeting in August, which will be announced separately. You will receive additional information regarding this meeting during the summer.

If you have any further questions please feel free to call Mike Bosscher at 490-0934 or one of the board members listed below. We look forward to having your son be part of our program this season.

Sincerely,

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