



Monday Night Gridiron Club Newsletter

P.O. Box 1382
Attleboro Falls, MA

"Message from the Gridiron Club"

Welcome to Big Red Football 2014!

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Before you know it, we will be spending our Friday nights at Community Field cheering on Head Coach Don Johnson and the 2014 Red Rocketeers as they embark on the 2014 season. This newsletter will hopefully provide you with some useful information concerning both the team and the Gridiron Club. If you are new to the football program please check out our website at www.redrocketeers.com. Each week during the season it is updated with news, important dates, game scores, game photos, and much more. We look forward to seeing you all at the field!

The Monday Night Gridiron Club

Tradition

North Attleboro takes great pride in our football program. For decades the Red Rocketeers have been one of Massachusetts' premiere interscholastic football programs. As part of Big Red Football your sons will be asked to maintain a very high standard on and off the field. The lessons they learn relative to dedication, sacrifice, and being part of a team will serve them well the rest of their lives. Success will be derived from a commitment to preparation and hard work. Your sons will be challenged physically and mentally.

Three New Leaders

This season's tri-captains are **Maxwell Kroll, Anthony Raneri & Brendan Weir**. All three have distinguished themselves in the eyes of their teammates and they are charged with continuing North's dedication to LTD. (Loyalty, Toughness, and Discipline).

Preparation for a successful season starts long before August. The off- season weight training/strengthening program, a foundation for success on the field, has been in full swing since the end of school in June and varsity skilled position players have been working on offensive and defensive passing skills in the Bridgewater-Raynham Passing League.

To further prepare themselves for the challenges of the season ahead, captains' practice, a rigorous routine of fitness drills, will begin **July 28th** and continue three days per week until the start of official coaches' practices.

Parent's Meeting

This year's Pre-Season Parent's Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 17th at 6:00 pm**. **Parents of all players are encouraged to attend**. Head Coach Johnson and the entire coaching staff will discuss this year's program and their expectations. This meeting will be especially informative, as the schedules and practice routines for the season will be explained in detail. **Incoming freshman parents, in particular, are strongly encouraged to attend**.

Schedule

The first varsity coaches' practice of the season is currently scheduled for Monday August 18th. The entire pre-season and game schedules follow. Please be aware all dates and times are subject to change due to weather conditions, field conditions, gym availability, and/or other factors. **Attendance is absolutely mandatory** for all official team practices and activities.

Scrimmages

Scrimmages are currently scheduled for;

- **Saturday August 23rd v. Milford at Milford HS 10 a.m.- VARSITY**
- **Wednesday August 27th v. Natick/Braintree at NAHS 4 p.m. - VARSITY**

- **Saturday August 30th v. Dartmouth at NAHS 10 a.m. – VARSITY & FRESHMEN** (Gridiron Cookout to Follow)
- **Thursday September 4th v. Shrewsbury at Community Field at 6PM**
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If a scrimmage is cancelled due to weather, it would most likely be played the next day, including Sundays.

Pre-Season Cookout

Immediately following the August 30th scrimmage the Monday Night Gridiron Club will be hosting our annual pre-season cookout for all players and their families; freshmen, JV, and varsity. We encourage everyone to attend and get to know the players, families, and coaches. Food is supplied by the Gridiron Club but we do ask that you supply your own beverages (non-alcoholic).

PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE (Varsity/JV)

| DATE | VARSITY | | FRESHMEN | |
|-------------|------------------|--|------------------|--|
| Aug. 13 | 9:00am | Team Meeting – PAPERWORK DUE , Equipment Distributed | 11:00am | Team Meeting- Paperwork Due Equipment Distribution |
| Aug. 17 | 4:00pm 6:00pm | Fitness Testing Part 1 Parents’ Night | 6:00pm | Parents’ Night |
| Aug. 18 | 9:00am 5:00pm | Fitness Testing Part 2 & ImPACT Testing Practice (helmets only) | 9:00am | ImPACT Testing & Fitness Testing |
| Aug. 19 | 9:00am 5:00pm | Equipment Distribution & ImPACT Testing Practice (helmets only) | 9:00am | 1 st Practice (helmets only) & Equipment Distribution |
| Aug. 20 | 9:00am 5:00pm | Organized Team Activity Practice (helmets only) | 9:00am | Practice (helmets only) |
| Aug. 21 | 9:00am 5:00pm | Practice (full pads) Practice (full pads) | 9:00am 5:00pm | Practice (helmets only) Organized Team Activity (OTA) |
| Aug. 22 | 9:00am 4:00pm | Practice (full pads) Practice (full pads) | 9:00am 5:00pm | Practice (full pads) Practice (full pads) |
| Aug. 23 | 10:00am | Scrimmage v. Milford (MHS) | 5:00 pm | Practice (full pads) |
| Aug. 24 | | Off | | Off |
| Aug. 25 | 9:00am 5:00pm | Organized Team Activity Practice (full pads) | 9:00am 5:00pm | Practice (full pads) Practice (full pads) |
| Aug. 26 | 9:00am 5:00pm | Organized Team Activity Practice (full pads) | 9:00am | Practice (full pads) |
| Aug. 27 | 4:00pm | Scrimmage v. Natick/Braintree @ NAHS | 9:00am | Practice (full pads) |
| Aug. 28 | 9:00am 3:00pm | Organized Team Activity Practice (full pads) | 9:00am | Practice (full pads) |
| Aug. 29 | 9:00am 3:00pm | Practice (helmets only) Practice (full pads) | 9:00am | Practice (full pads) |
| Aug. 30 | 10:00am | Scrimmage v. Dartmouth Gridiron Cookout @ NAHS | 10:00am | Scrimmage v. Dartmouth & Gridiron Cookout |
| Aug. 31 | | Off | | Off |
| Sep. 1 | 5:00pm | Practice (LABOR DAY) | 5:00pm | Practice (full pads) LABOR DAY |
| Sep. 2 | 3:00pm | Practice | 3:00pm | Practice (full pads) |
| Sep. 3 | 3:00pm | Practice | 3:00pm | Practice (full pads) |
| Sep. 4 | 6:00pm | Scrimmage v. Shrewsbury | TBA | Possible scrimmage |

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| Sep. 5 | 3:00pm | Practice | 3:00pm | Practice |
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Monday Night Gridiron Club Membership

In addition to presentations by the coaches on August 17th, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the **Monday Night Gridiron Club**. The Gridiron Club is the non-profit booster club founded to provide the team and coaches with the tools and support they need to run a successful program. For many years the school’s budget has not been able to provide the football program with everything needed. This is where the **Monday Night Gridiron Club** steps in. Through fundraising the club is able to provide the team with items that they would otherwise have to go without. Out of necessity in recent years the Gridiron Club has purchased helmets, game pants, game jerseys, practice jerseys, sideline headphones, rib pads, chin straps, and blocking pads. The Gridiron Club also funds a scholarship awarded annually to a graduating senior and provides stipends for volunteer coaches. The ongoing needs of a successful program with over a hundred players are substantial and more than the town is currently able to provide.

Some individuals have the mistaken impression that the football program is heavily funded and all needs are readily filled. I can assure you that is not the case. The misunderstanding often seems to stem from the belief that the high school football program receives the revenue from gate receipts and concessions. All gate receipts or ticket sales go directly to the school system to support busing costs for all the school funded sports programs. The concession stand is operated by and for the benefit of the North Attleboro Pop Warner Junior Football program. Football is fortunate to be a “school funded” program but the current funding level does not go beyond the most basic needs. The ability of the Monday Night Gridiron Club to provide additional support has never been more important.

Gridiron Club memberships are one of the primary fund raisers. A Gridiron Club membership form is attached for your reference and the Gridiron Club will be set up in the high school lobby on Parents’ Night. We invite all parents to become active supporters of the club and the program. Membership is \$25 per family and, although it is not mandatory, we ask that every family contribute if possible. When you sign up you will receive a “Gridiron Gang” logo water bottle to show your support and your name will appear in the program book sold at all home games. To learn more please visit our website,

www.redrocketeers.com.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and get ready for a great fall!

GAME SCHEDULE

| 2014 Big Red Schedule | 2014 JV Schedule | 2014 Freshmen Schedule |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Fri. 9/12 v. Stoughton 7PM | Sat. 9/13 @ Stoughton 12PM | Sat. 9/13 @ Stoughton 10:00 |
| Fri. 9/19 @ B. Feehan 7PM | Mon. 9/22 v. B. Feehan 3:30PM | Thu. 9/18 v. Bishop Feehan 3:30 |
| Fri. 9/26 v. Mansfield 7PM | Mon. 9/29 @ Mansfield 3:30 | Thu. 9/25 @ Mansfield 3:30 |
| Fri. 10/3 v. King Philip 7PM | Mon. 10/6 @ KP 3:30 | Thu. 10/2 @ KP 3:30 |
| Fri. 10/10 v. Attleboro 7PM | Mon. 10/13 @ Attleboro 10:00AM | Thu 10/19 @ Attleboro 3:30 |
| Fri. 10/17 @ Franklin 7PM | Mon. 10/20 v. Franklin 3:30 | Thu. 10/16 v. Franklin 3:30 |
| Fri. 10/24 @ Taunton 7PM | Mon. 10/27 v. Taunton 3:30 | Thu. 10/23 v. Taunton 3:30 |
| <i>Fri. 10/31 To Be Determined</i> | Mon. 11/3 v. Milford 3:30 | Thu. 10/30 v. Milford 3:30 |
| <i>Fri. 11/7 To Be Determined</i> | Mon. 11/10 @ Sharon 3:30 | Thu. 11/6 @ Sharon 3:45 |
| <i>Fri. 11/14 To Be Determined</i> | Mon. 11/17 v. Oliver Ames 3:30 | Thu. 11/13 v. Oliver Ames 3:30 |
| <i>Fri. 11/21 To Be Determined</i> | | |
| Thurs. 11/27 @ Attleboro | | |

GO BIG RED!!!

NEW PLAYOFF FORMAT: Due to the new Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association football playoff system varsity games after week seven will be determined by playoff seed or for non-qualifying teams by MIAA Scheduling Committee. For more information on the playoff system visit <http://mhsfca.weebly.com/playoff-proposal.html>.



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The Monday Night Gridiron Club strives to provide support and financial assistance to the North Attleboro High School Football Program. With the current school funding challenges the need for help has never been greater. All proceeds directly benefit the North Attleboro High School Football Program.

Monday Night Gridiron Club members are proudly listed in the football program ad book and receive a "Gridiron Gang" water mug to show their generous support of their community, neighbors, and the North Football Tradition.

2014 MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____ *As will appear in program*

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please check all that apply:

Friend of the Red Rocketeers

Red Rocketeer Alumni – Class of: _____

Parent of Player(s)
Player(s) Name(s): _____

Membership dues: \$25.00 per family - Additional Water Bottles available at \$10 each

Total Amount

Membership: \$25.00

Additional water Bottles:

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Additional Contribution: _____

TOTAL _____

Please make checks payable to & mail to:

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