

# SMOKY HILL FOOTBALL 2021

## COACHING STAFF:

Head Coach: Tom Thenell

Football Boosters/Parent Liaison: Cheri McIlhiney

Offense: Zach Thenell, Bruce Jones, Kelton Coppinger, Chris Warren

Defense: Jerry Browne, Steve Stone, Jake Fisher

Junior Varsity: Bruce Jones

Frosh: Darnell Webb

1. PAPERWORK (Beginning of formal season)
  - a. All required paperwork for participation in football must be on file in the athletic office (Mrs. Michael) by August 2 @ 3pm (1<sup>st</sup> required day per CHSAA)
  - b. No student/athlete will be allowed to participate in workouts or practices until the head coach receives a clearance list from the athletic director's office.
2. FEES AND FUNDRAISERS: ALL FUND-RAISING BEGAN IN MARCH FOR PLAYERS ON THE FLORIDA TRIP
  - A. There will be a BUFF CARD fundraiser later in the summer. **EVERYONES FULL PARTICIPATION WILL BE EXPECTED.** It is our only football fundraiser and is very important to the entire program and can be used towards the trip.
3. ATTENDANCE
  - a. Athletes are expected to attend each scheduled workout, practice and game. Exceptions may be, but not limited to; academic related issues, illness/injury or family matters.
  - b. In the event of an absence from practice or games, the head coach must be notified. **ABSENTEEISM AND TARDINESS are forms of disrespect.** School, Class, Team and Practice are very important in educational and athletic development.
  - c. Dress list rules for games:
    1. Varsity dress list will be posted on Wednesdays of game week. Players will be placed on this dress list based on competition, performance, safety and noticeable practice contributions.

2. **ALL PLAYERS WHO DO NOT START FOR THE VARSITY THAT WEEK ARE EXPECTED TO PLAY IN THE JV GAME, FROSH GAME OR BOTH UNLESS TOLD BY THE HEAD COACH.**

#### 4. ACADEMICS

- a. **School comes first.** Eligibility will be checked on a weekly basis and any athlete with more than 1 F in their classes may be ruled ineligible by the head coach. The length of the ineligible period will be 1 week (Sunday to Sunday). It is not related to the number of games in a certain time period.
- b. Players may be tardy for legitimate academic issues. It is the player's responsibility to bring a note from the teacher to Coach Thenell excusing the tardy.

#### 5. SAFETY/HORSEPLAY

- a. **Student/Athletes are expected to follow all Smoky Hill school rules regarding safety in, around and during use of all equipment and implements associated with football as explained by the coaching staff.**
- b. **Accidents do and will occur.** However, it is our goal to prevent any accidents from occurring as a result of a breach of safety or horseplay rules.
- c. **HAZING OR ABUSE OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Any incidents of hazing or abuse should be reported to Coach Copp, Coach Jones, Coach Webb, Coach Thenell, Mr. Thompson or administration immediately. Any players involved will be dealt with by doing what is right, honest and decent concerning the situation.

#### 6. PRACTICE

- a. All players are expected to be at all practices, workouts and meetings called by the coaching staff.
- b. Players are to be on the field, dressed and ready to participate by 3:45 pm on school days.
- c. Players and parents should expect football season to be 6 days a week with all Sundays off.
- d. End times will vary. We understand Smoky Hill has many kids who come from far away and ride times are important. Mondays and Tuesdays during the season we will never stay past 7 PM. Wednesdays and Thursdays will be earlier dismissals. We want our players and teams to be as prepared and developed as they can be for every game. We will do our best to be as consistent on end times as we possibly can be.

## 7. INJURY

- a. There are many potential injuries of varying degree associated with football. With this in mind, all workouts, drills, exercises and games will be conducted with the safety and health of the student/athlete being of foremost importance. Players will be pushed through the minor bumps and bruises as they occur.
- b. Injuries do and will occur. In the event that any athlete feels they may be injured or may be approaching some sort of injury, it is the athlete's responsibility to notify their coach or the trainer immediately.
- c. The coach along with the school trainer (Josh) will make the best and safest decision regarding the health and safety of the athlete.
- d. Under no circumstances is an injured athlete to leave a practice or game without first notifying the coach in charge.
- e. **INJURED PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE OR PLAY UNTIL CLEARED BY A PHYSICIAN.**

## 8. UNIFORMS

- a. The athlete will be issued competition uniforms by the football program. Smoky Hill Football has several different uniforms and each athlete is required to wear the school issued uniform w/o alterations in all competitions. All uniforms and school equipment is to be returned clean and washed at the conclusion of the football season. Failure to do so will result in fines and withholding of transcripts and report cards.
- b. Any stolen or damaged uniforms or equipment is the responsibility of the athlete. Players will be held accountable for replacing any missing gear.

## 9. JEWELRY

- a. Jewelry of any kind is not permissible in football. This includes piercings and harmless wrist or ankle bracelets. If an athlete tries to compete and is in violation of the jewelry rule, they will be immediately sent off the field until jewelry is removed.

## 10. LOCKERS

- a. Lockers are available for all football athletes. Players need to see Coach Coppinger for a locker. Locks will be issued or the player may bring his own.
- b. **Lockers are the responsibility of the athlete.** Stealing can be a problem in the locker room. Athletes need to be extra careful when using lockers and sharing information about their locker to prevent loss of personal items. Athletes are to report any thefts or loss of property to Coach Thenell, Mr. Thompson or administration immediately.

## 11. TRANSPORTATION

- a. Transportation to and from games is provided by the school. Players are expected to ride the bus to and from games unless instructed otherwise by the athletic department. Players may be excused from returning on the bus only in extreme circumstances. In these cases, players will only be excused when there is a visible parent to be released to.

## 12. CONTACTS

All players are expected to supply us with a working e-mail and cell number. Cancellations, announcements and information will be supplied to you through these sources. Please make sure the Smoky Football Booster Club (Cheri McIlhiney) has these on file as well as Coach Coppinger: [kcoppinger2@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:kcoppinger2@cherrycreekschools.org)

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