



Dearborn Lions Newsletter

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Game #3 Results

Freshmen: Dearborn 38, Dearborn Heights 0

Our touchdowns were scored by Brendan Rousseau (2) Brandon Bacon (2) Ty Wyka and Mohamed Fakh. The offensive line was led by Damien Darm, Anthony AlAziz, and Ethan Lynn.

Turning in strong efforts on defense were Leo Varitek, Jacob Merna, Owen Wright and Farris Abuwandi.

Thanks to everyone for their support. *Coach Rick*

Junior Varsity: Dearborn 38, Dearborn Heights 6

Michael Bates (3), William Marano, Kevin Cassio and Malik Elder scored touchdowns, and Brandon Matelic and Yousuf Farhat blocked well.

Our defense was led by Adam Saad and Adam Naim.

Thanks to everyone for their support. *Coach Mark*

Varsity: Dearborn 14, Dearborn Heights 33

Muhammad Haidous threw a pair of touchdown passes to Adam Ghabra, and Gabriel Carrion booted a two-point conversion, but it wasn't enough.

We made too many mistakes—some mental and some physical—and we need to correct those things in practice.

Thanks to all the parents for their support. *Coach Ali*

You can find all the weekly scores from action in the Downriver Junior Football League—as well as up-to-date standings—by going to the "Scores" page on our website and clicking on the DJFL link.

Saturday, October 1, 2011 – Parent's Day Activities

Game #4, Dearborn Lions vs. Taylor Cobras, Edsel Ford High School

Kickoffs are at 3 p.m. (freshmen), 5 p.m. (jv), and 7 p.m. (varsity).

Football players are to report 90 minutes prior to kick off time wearing their blue jersey and game pants.

Cheerleaders are to report 60 minutes prior to kick off time wearing their leotard, vest and skirt with hair neatly pulled back. Do not use any items with metal to secure hair. Please be sure to always bring your cheer jacket and pants with you to every single game even in the warm weather. Sometimes it gets chilly and you will need these items.

Honoring the Parents

This is a tradition we started eleven years ago to honor parents for their support. All parents/guardians are asked to make a special effort to attend their child's scheduled game. If you cannot attend, please make sure someone special is there for your child!

We ask that parents line up along the field fence on the home side of the field prior to each game. Freshman parents should gather at 2:50 p.m., jv parents at the four minute warning of the freshman game, and varsity parents at the four minute warning of the jv game.

Please do not open the gate or enter the field area until our Game Day Director asks you to do so.

Parents will then be asked to line up on the 50-yard line. One-by-one, participants will be announced and they'll run out to their parents and present them with a small keepsake.

After the ceremony is over, please return to your seats.

Posters

Team Moms have made posters for each of our football players, cheerleaders and mascots, and they'll be hanging on the fence on Parents' Day. Please do not remove them.

The posters will be distributed to our participants at our annual end-of-the-season party.

Cheer Competition Bake Sale

Our cheerleaders will have a bake sale on Saturday, October 1, during all three of our Parents' Day games at Edsel Ford High School.

The monies generated from the sale will be used to help offset the costs of DJFL Cheer Competition, which will be held on Sunday, November 6, at Lincoln Park High School.

To help make this event a success, we are soliciting baked good donations or small financial contributions **from football and cheerleading families**. The latter will be used to purchase baked goods. Items such as brownies, cookies, cupcakes, chocolate covered pretzels, etc. are always very successful.

If by chance your item contains peanuts or an ingredient that is not halal—such as marshmallows—please include an index card and let the team moms know when dropping off so that the item can be placed on a special table.

We also need volunteers to man our Bake Sale table during the three games. If you're interested in helping at the bake sale, or if you're able to donate baked goods or make a small financial contribution, please email one of the Cheer Team Moms listed below no later than Friday, September 30, 2011 8 p.m.

Tina Barron: tinamarie612@gmail.com

Bonnie Wright: daveandbonniew@aol.com

Jennifer Doyle: doylej@oakwood.org

Baked goods may be dropped off during practice on Friday near the trailer or anytime before or during the games on Saturday.

Thank you for supporting your Dearborn Lions' Cheerleaders.

Show your Spirit Make Some Noise

Don't forget to bring your noisemakers to the game to show your support for all of the children. The cheerleaders have worked very hard over the past month putting together cheers for everyone to enjoy. Please show them your support by repeating after them as they lead you through their cheers.

Practice & Game Field Rules

Please remember that parents, siblings and guests are not permitted on the field prior to, during or after the game. Only players, cheerleaders, coaches and DYFA and DJFL officials are allowed on the field during these times.

The same is true during practices at Ford Field. This is a league rule which all teams are required to enforce. Anyone found in violation of this rule will be asked to leave the area.

Also, please keep in mind that smoking is prohibited on school property, which includes the football bleachers and adjacent grounds.

Parent Service Check In

If you will be fulfilling part of your Parent Service Time at this Saturday's games, you must check in and out with one of our three Parent Service Time Coordinators.

If you are working during the freshmen game, check in with Mr. Spennachio, and if you are working during the JV game, check in with Natalie Szumlanski. Both will be wearing bright red vests for easy identification.

If you are working the varsity game, check in with Dawn Werth.

Next Week's Football & Cheerleading Practice Times

For the week of October 3, football practice will be Tuesday through Thursday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday from 5 to 6:45 p.m.

Cheerleaders will also practice Tuesday through Thursday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Friday 5 to 6:45 p.m.

Parents, please note that cheerleaders are now practicing south of the bridge near the baseball diamonds.

Our entire practice schedule is available on our web site at www.dearbornlions.org.

Parking Lot Safety

With over 150 children being dropped off and picked up at our practice site, the parking lot and the lanes leading into it can become dangerous. Please exercise both extra caution and courtesy when driving in these areas and ask any friend, relative or sibling picking up or dropping off your child to do the same. **Please avoid driving or parking near the trailer at all times**, since many of our youngsters and parents are walking in this area, and please slow down.

Parent Service Status Sheets

Parent Service status sheets are posted outside the trailer, weather permitting. They show how many hours are needed, how many hours have been fulfilled and the current status of your security deposit; secured or forfeited. Please take the time to check your status and promptly report any errors within 72 hours to our Coordinator, Dawn Werth, at dawnwerth@dearbornlions.org .

Parent Service Time tracking sheets will be updated after each home game and posted outside the trailer when practice resumes the following week.

Parent Service Time

Thanks to all the parents who have taken the time to sign up for Parent Service Time.

As explained at our pre-season Parent Meetings and in our Parent Handbook—distributed to all parents—parents/guardians of youngsters participating in our program are required to provide two-games worth of Parent Service Time per child during our four home dates.

If you did not voluntarily sign up for Parent Service Time, you will be assigned—as needed—by our Parent Service Time Coordinator, and notified of your assignment either via phone or email. Failure to fulfill your Parent Service Time obligation will result in the immediate forfeiture of your \$100 deposit.

You may contact our Parent Service Time Coordinator, Dawn Werth, at dawnwerth@dearbornlions.org.

Raffle Ticket Collection

Collection of raffle ticket stubs will continue through Friday, October 21.

Please stop by the trailer to deposit your tickets in the large orange Home Depot bucket during practice. Raffle ticket stubs must be filled out and individually separated before depositing them.

Collection will end Friday, October 21, at the end of practice.

Winning tickets will be drawn at halftime of our Dearborn Tractors vs. Dearborn Lions varsity game on October 22 at Fordson High School.

The DYFA is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets or stubs. All raffle ticket sales are final; no refunds.

Screw-In Cleats

If your son is wearing shoes with screw-in cleats, please note that if he breaks or loses a cleat during a game, he will be removed from the game and may not re-enter until the broken or misplaced cleat has been replaced. It is your responsibility to purchase extra cleats and make sure they are available should this happen. Talk to the head coach about storing them in the team equipment bag.

Medication on the Field

If your child needs to have medication on the field, please be sure to send it with him or her to all practices and games. Enclose the medication in a clear plastic bag to protect it from the weather and clearly write their name and squad on the bag.

Email Distribution List

If you would like to add an email address to our email distribution list, please send an email to administrator@dyfa.org, providing your child's first and last name and squad.



Go Lions!

