

July 22, 2011

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As summer 2011 comes to a close I keep noticing that the countdown clock is getting closer to August 8th. THE 2011 FOOTBALL SEASON HAS FINALLY ARRIVED!!! I hope you all had a safe and restful summer and that you're anxious to get the new season underway. It has been a very exciting, productive summer with the performance course and 7-on-7. I want you to know that I am extremely proud of the work that everyone has put in, and now it's time to let that hard work produce success on the field this fall. The coaches and I truly believe that our program has taken many positive strides this past year and we feel that this year will be even more successful at the 9th, JV and Varsity levels! The goal is STATE and we will get there TOGETHER!

This year our team motto is "**FAITH-FIGHT-FINISH**".

FAITH--This season we must have FAITH in our: teammates, families, coaches, school and community!

FIGHT—This season we must FIGHT for what we want everyday! We must FIGHT through adversity as a team, FIGHT to be successful in the classroom, and FIGHT to win every Thursday and Friday night!

FINISH—This season we must FINISH what we started. We must FINISH everyday in practice like a championship team. We must FINISH in the 4th quarter on Friday night! Consistently FINISHING will take our program to new heights!

I would also like to remind you of a few important future dates and details. In this envelope, some of you will be receiving a paperwork packet that will need to be filled out by your parent or guardian. This paperwork is very important and needs to be returned to the athletic office as soon as possible. Along with your paperwork, UIL requires a Proof of Residency (copy of utility bill dated no earlier than July 2011). You will also find a list of important dates and information in this packet. Please get these dates on your calendar so there will be no conflicts. Some dates of special note are: August 8—1st day of practice, August 13—Picture Day, August 16—mandatory parent meeting, and September 5—Labor Day practice.

It is time! Let's come to practice ready to have FAITH, FIGHT for what we want and FINISH every challenge that stands in front of us! I look forward to seeing you soon and please feel free to contact me if any questions or concerns.

FAITH-FIGHT-FINISH,

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