

TITAN BOY'S SOCCER



PARENT HANDBOOK

2011

Welcome to Titan Boys Soccer! As is true with most school athletic programs, this one relies upon our parents for its success. There are many tasks that need to be accomplished and we know that you will enjoy getting to know each other while working toward a common goal; an awesome season of Titan Soccer!

Please review the sections listed and sign up for anything and everything that you can to give our Titans a solid backing. The next few months will be BUSY, exciting and very rewarding for all involved.

After tonight most all information will be available at the team web site (www.tctitans.com) or via e-mail. It is of most importance that you fill out and return the player information sheet tonight so we can get the information loaded and available. Check the site and your e-mail often, schedules can change at the last minute and we would not want anyone to be left in the dark about details. Historically we have had field changes for out of town games occur during the ride down so please print the information sheets for your team and keep them with you for those situations that are unexpected. Banquet information and other news will be distributed in this way also.

Please don't forget your preferred contact phone number and your player's number as well.

If you have any questions, ask, or email! This can get overwhelming and details easily missed so please don't hesitate.

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Other Coordinators' information included with their area.

Coach Contacts:

Varsity: Jason Carmien; 631-3819; carmienja@tcaps.net

JV: Andy Wares; 409-7116; waresan@tcaps.net

Lunches

Lunch coordinator: Suzanne Ritchey; h: 231-421-5676; cell: 321-698-9823

When our team plays away we provide lunches for the players and the coaches. This is to eliminate the need to stop along the way and also helps to ensure that our athletes are eating healthy before a game. In the past we have spread out the expense of this by having each parent sign up to help with at least one lunch per season. Then that team of parents was responsible to pack and load the coolers in the bus. Last year we asked the school cafeteria to prepare and pack the lunches for the team, and the process seemed to go much smoother. The cost for the lunches this year is \$40.00 per player.

(Often times the bus will stop anyway so your player may want to have a little cash just in case.)

Pasta Dinners

Coordinators: Varsity- Jackie Cobb c: 231-883-7788 _____

Pasta dinners are planned for the night before a home game. These give the team a chance to carb up and spend some time together off the field. Each family is asked to participate in one pasta dinner per season. Pasta dinners are fun and our boys are most appreciative of the food and the effort. 2-3 families work together to put on a pasta dinner. One family will host and decide with the others what to serve and split the cost and/or preparation and clean-up.

Dinners are simple; pasta (hot/cold/both), salad, bread, drinks, and dessert. The boys will come directly from practice so have your player call when they are leaving so you can be ready. They are HUNGRY and it is best to be set up and ready to roll. JV players who do not drive will need directions to the host home prior to the dinner and also it is helpful to arrange a carpool to drive to the dinner. Please be PROMPT in picking up your player from the dinner, they usually last about an hour or so but not much longer.

You are not limited to pasta; sloppy joes or hot dogs etc; whatever you want, pizza can be done easily as well. Ask your player what he liked best at previous dinners. Make LOTS and have fun! It is not as scary as it sounds.

Concessions

Coordinators: Jackie Cobb: c: 231-883-7788

We help run the concession area for our home games. Thanks to Jackie Cobb for stepping up to head this commitment. The concession stand will need 2 parent volunteers to man the station during each game. Two varsity parents will work during a JV game and JV parents during the varsity game so nobody misses watching their son. Selling snacks, making coffee & hot chocolate and also after game clean up is involved. One game per family and we will have it covered.

Also, we ask that all our Titan family members take a minute and help clean the bleacher area after the game so our new field stays looking great.

Titan Wear/Window Decals

Coordinators: Holly Cartwright- c: 231-313-1369; Patti Flynn- c: 231-499-9761

A huge thank you to Holly Cartwright and Patti Flynn for helping in this area. We will have a variety of Titan Soccer wear available for order at the parent meeting and by contacting them directly. There is a cut-off date for ordering, it is **Saturday Aug. 20th**.

Decorations

Coordinators: Lynne Severt c- 632-2813; Julie Breithaupt c-632-1213

It is a common practice to decorate our field for home games. We typically have a JV parent to get the decorations out and place them on our side of the bleachers and a Varsity parent to take on the responsibility to take them down after the game and put them away in the storage area. We have some awesome flags and banners to use. Any other ideas are welcome.

Senior Game

Coordinators: Karen Taylor c 590-8406; Suzanne Richey c 321-698-9823

Senior game is held on one of the last home games of the season. We coordinate with Coach Carmine on which game is preferable with him. This year he has asked that the senior game be on the October 1st match against Midland. The game is a time to recognize our senior players along with their parents at one of their last Titan home games. It is a very special event for these families and is usually commemorated with a small gift and a photograph and is very appreciated by the families involved. The junior class parents usually take this responsibility.

Banquet

Coordinators: _____

At the end of the season a team banquet will be held and is usually organized by the Sr. parents with the help of many others for set up and clean up. For the past few years we have held the banquet here in the commons but other venues have been used in the past. The committee will need to pick a date with Coach Carmien & Wares and make catering arrangements. Invitations need to be sent out (e-mailed), decorations done, ect. Average attendance is about 130 or so people. Money will be collected at the banquet for the dinners and each team usually coordinates a coach's gift to be presented at this time. A video has been viewed in the past as entertainment and the coaches will give awards as well.

Uniforms are returned when you arrive at the banquet so please be sure to double check that all pieces washed and returned to the appropriate team table.

Treasurer

Coordinators: Deb Cronin 313-7538

We would ultimately like to have one JV and one Varsity parent for this. They would be responsible to collect any funds needed thru-out the year. We start with requested player fee, lunch box meals, senior gift, coach's gift, end-of-the-year banquet, basically anything everyone from the team should be contributing toward.

As you can see it takes many hands to make this all work well, and can be done easily when we all do our part. Please do not hesitate to step forward to coordinate an area of need. We can always use two people for coordinators- it's usually more fun that way.

If you have a question, ask!