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## Thomas County Middle School

### Yellow Jacket Football

Dear Parents,

We are excited to start another season of TCMS football this year. I believe that a Middle School program should do 3 things: generate interest, develop fundamentals in practices, and compete to win in games. The kids will be expected to work hard and we as coaches are going to work hard for them. We are going to praise them when they do something well and we will correct them when something can be done better. We will always expect BEST effort from our players! **We will have a Parent Meeting Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 in the TCMS Gym.**

**Please make sure that your child has an updated physical (a physical is good for one calendar year) and a Emergency Treatment Form**

A few things that we will expect from our players:

- We expect that all players will be at all practices/games/etc. and on time
  - If sick or any other legitimate excuse please let a coach/school know via email or phone call. Please do not send word through another student.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Unexcused absence from practice or team function = **Warning**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Unexcused absence from practice or team function = **Physical Make up work**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Unexcused absence from practice or team function = **Dismissal from team**
- We expect all players, who represent families, school, coaches and the community to act in a way that would make their parents and their coaches proud at all times: at school and away from school
  - **Failure to do this will result in staying after practice, game suspensions or dismissal from the team.**
- Players are allowed to take practice “cloth” items home to wash. We will wash game uniforms at the school. Under NO circumstance should a player take equipment home! Keeping up with equipment that has been issued is their responsibility.

I have enclosed a schedule for the upcoming year. All of our regular season games will start at 5:00 and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will not practice on 8<sup>th</sup> grade game days.

*On picture day, we will transport the team over to the stadium and they will be back at TCMS at 5:45 for regular pick up. Please have the envelope with all information filled out clearly with money sealed inside on that day. Please do not bring money or the envelope before that day, we will take up the money and envelopes at the stadium while they wait in line for individual pictures. Only players that are purchasing individual pictures will take individual pictures.*

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**\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

1. Chain Crew- we need 3 men and (1 alternate) who understand basic rules to run the down marker and 1<sup>st</sup> down chains for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. This crew will get free admission into our home games. Contact Coach Ryan Solberger. ([rsolberger@thomas.k12.ga.us](mailto:rsolberger@thomas.k12.ga.us)) to sign up.
2. Scorekeeper – someone that understands when the clock should be running and when it should stop. Contact Coach George Romans ([gromans@thomas.k12.ga.us](mailto:gromans@thomas.k12.ga.us)) to sign up.
3. Post Game Drinks – I would like to have post game Gatorades for our players after each game. If any parent or parents are willing to sign up to purchase and have Gatorades at the games please contact Coach Bennett ([cbennett@thomas.k12.ga.us](mailto:cbennett@thomas.k12.ga.us)). They can sign up for one game or many games, anything would be greatly appreciated.

**Email list for all coaches and their position that they are responsible for:**

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Andre Williams – Defensive Coordinator – LB

Travis Barrett – DL – [tbarrett@thomas.k12.ga.us](mailto:tbarrett@thomas.k12.ga.us)

Coleman Bennett – Bandits – [cbennett@thomas.k12.ga.us](mailto:cbennett@thomas.k12.ga.us)

Todd Wilson – OL and Kickers – [twilson@thomas.k12.ga.us](mailto:twilson@thomas.k12.ga.us)

George Romans – DB – [gromans@thomas.k12.ga.us](mailto:gromans@thomas.k12.ga.us)

Ryan Solberger – WR – [rsolberger@thomas.k12.ga.us](mailto:rsolberger@thomas.k12.ga.us)

Chester Hightower - RB

If you have any questions or concerns, please set up an appointment with me at [ltaylor@thomas.k12.ga.us](mailto:ltaylor@thomas.k12.ga.us).

Thanks,

Lee Taylor