



PALISADES PIRATES YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Are You Ready For the Season?????

2006 IS GOING TO BE FUN!!!

Congratulations Scholarship Winners – 2006!!!!

Congratulations go out to two deserving 2006 Palisades High School graduates. Every year the Palisades Pirates Youth Football Association awards two \$100 scholastic scholarships to eligible high school seniors; one football player and one cheerleader. The recipients of these awards are excellent student athletes that have participated in the football or cheerleading youth program, and are role models to the youth of the community.

The recipients this year are:

Brad Helverson – Football and Colleen Kramer - Cheerleading

Hello and Welcome Members!

*Yes, that's you! If your child is participating in cheerleading or football this year you are considered a member of the Palisades Pirates Youth Football and Cheerleading Association. This is the way it has been since the organization was created eight years ago. The mission of the organization is to provide the youth of our community an opportunity to learn about football, cheerleading, good sportsmanship, and a good education. It is the responsibility of all the members to assure that the association is successful in doing this. Please reach out and become an active member and help create a good experience for the children. As you can see by the accomplishments of the High School and Middle School football/cheerleading programs our program is working! But it will not continue to be a success if we do not get **volunteers!!! We need you to be a part of the organization now**, so step up to the sideline and be a part of our community. Believe me, you will cherish the memories of the joy, laughter, and sense of accomplishment the children have when participating.*

***Just think about it. There are many different things you can do.** Start by coming to a monthly meeting to see what we are about. If that's not where your interest lies there are many other activities to be involved with such as prepare/setup for the games, help during or after the games, coordinate picture day, plan the annual award banquet, help with fundraising and administrative tasks. So pitch in and help out or the success our children are having in the program will go by the wayside. Please give this sincere thought and talk to any officer listed on the back of this news letter. Thank you See you on Family Night Monday July 31st at the Palisades Middle School!*

*******All-American Scholars*******

Youth Athletes can receive Scholastic Awards: Did you ever wonder why we collect the report cards from the children that participate in the youth football and cheerleading program? The Palisades Youth Football Association is a member of the National Pop Warner Little Scholars Youth Football and Cheerleading Organization. A very basic and important concept that has been maintained in Pop Warner Little Scholars from its origin is that the classroom is just as important as the playing or cheering on the field. All participants must maintain a level of satisfactory progress in school. Pop Warner Little Scholars is the only national youth sports organization in America that rewards its members for their outstanding performance in the classroom. Each year, the most academically accomplished Pop Warner kids compete for Academic All-American status, and are rewarded on different levels (i.e., National, Regional & League). To be eligible for All-American status the child must currently be in 5th grade or higher, have a 96% GPA or higher, a complete report card from prior year, and listed activities and achievements for child listed are scored.

FOR SALE

"Pirate" Stadium Blankets

\$35.00

A water resistant purple nylon shell on outside of blanket and warm gray fleece lining on the inside. A gold pirate is screen printed on the purple shell. The blanket will convert into a rain jacket with a hood when it begins to rain at the game!

We already have blankets in stock so buy yours before the first game and be ready for the season! Look for the blanket display at Family Night, July 31st.

Coming Soon!

Look for more information to following in newsletters.

FOR SALE

- **HATS**
- **Sweatshirts**
- **Sweatpants**
- **Shirts**

Coming Soon!

FOR SALE

Football Equipment Bags

Extra large equipment bag to keep all football gear in one place! A mother's dream!

A 32" x 18" deep heavy duty nylon bag with zipper and strap. The color will be black with the "Pirate Flag" logo screen printed on bag. For an additional charge the child's name can be stitched on the bag. Orders can be emailed to marshbunch5@fast.net or reserve your bag at Family Night.

- **All children (Football and Cheer):** *All physical forms must be signed by a your physician and submitted to the organization(via mail) or your head coach before the child will be able to practice with their squad.*
- **All children (Football and Cheer):** If not already submitted, bring the following information/documentation with you to Family Information Night (July 31st). All items must be submitted prior to practicing or equipment is distribution.
 - Completed Physical Form . Will not be able to practice without this form.
 - Copy of Report Card, most recent, from the last marking period of the school year.
 - Any additional documentation that may have been requested by coach.
- **All children (Football and Cheer):** Monday, July 31st, 6:30pm at Palisades Middle School . Family Information Night. Meet your coach, officers of the organization and gather important information regarding your child, their squad, operations and expectations of the organization.
- **All children (Football and Cheer):** Tuesday, August 1st, 6:00pm at Palisades Middle School . **1st Practice of**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS

- ✓ Players should wear:
 - Spike shoes that have **molded rubber spikes** and proper athletic socks.
 - T-shirt and shorts.
 - If the child wears eyeglasses, the glasses must be ~~ports~~ sports+glasses which are made specifically for athletics in addition to having documentation from a physician\$ (a note).
 - Bring water to drink.
- ✓ Practice field locations are as follows:
 - Flag - Palisades Middle School
 - 80 lb - Palisades Middle School
 - 90 lb - Palisades Middle School
 - 100 lb . Palisades Middle School
 - 115 lb . Palisades Middle School

Locations will be given to you on Family Information night.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CHEERLEADERS

- ✓ Cheerleaders should wear:
 - Athletic shorts & Tee shirt (no jean shorts)
 - Cheer sneaker & socks
 - Hair in ponytail if touching shoulders
 - No jewelry of any kind to any practice or game (earrings, rings, necklace etc.)
 - No glitter make-up
 - Nails must be short, not visible from palm side a hand
 - Eyeglasses must be secured with an athletic strap
 - Please bring water

Cheerleader at the Palisades Middle School is determined by team. Practice location will be given to you on Family Information night.
- ✓ Cheerleading uniform sizing . very important. Wednesday, August 2nd at PALMS. Payment of outstanding balance must be paid the night of uniform sizing/distribution (August 2rd). Check payable to PPFYF. Time Schedule for Uniform distribution:
 - Pee Wee Squad at 6pm
 - Mitey Might Squad at 6:45pm
 - Flag Squad at 7:15pm

IMPORTANT DATES - 2006

Date	Event	Location	Date	Event	Location
July 17	Certification Seminar for Football & Cheer Coaches, Team Moms, and other required personnel	Bridgeton Athletic Association, Bridgeton Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy	August 11	- Tackle Coach Meeting (100 & 115lb.) -Mandatory Head Coach attend	Tylersport Firehouse @ 7:30pm
July 31	-Family Night -All football and cheer children should attend with their families. Information provided about 1 st practice. All forms must be submitted.	Palisades Middle School Football Field (PALMS)	August 17	Mandatory League Meeting for Head Flag Coaches	Tylersport Firehouse @ 7:30pm
August 1	1 st Official Practice Night Teams practice at designated site	All squads will practice at PALMS	Labor Day Weekend Sept. 1,2, or 3 (TBA)	1 st games of season	To be announced
August 2	-Punt, Pass & Kick (Boys & Girls)- Open to all children of the community, not only our organization. -Cheer Uniform Sizing(parent required)	PALMS Fields PALMS	October 8th	Regional Competitive Cheer Competition	Villanova University . Palisades Parent Volunteers Needed!
August 4	-Non-Comp. (80 & 90lb.)Tackle Coaches Meeting (Mandatory Head Coach must attend)	Tylersport Firehouse @ 7:30pm	October 15	Non-Competitive Cheer Fun Day	Quakertown
August 10	-Cheer Coaches Meeting . Mandatory, Head Coach must attend.	Tylersport Firehouse @ 7:00pm	January 6, 2007	PPYF 2006 Award Banquet	DeSales University

2006 OFFICERS and COMM. HEADS

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