



**PALISADES PIRATES YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PPYF!!!!**

**2008 IS GOING TO BE AN AWESOME SEASON!!!**

**Congratulations Scholarship Winner – 2008!!!!**

*Congratulations go out to a deserving 2008 Palisades High School graduate. 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, are role models to the youth of the community, and academically sound students in the top third of the class..*

*The only recipient this year was:*

**Shannon Ganther - 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 ten 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 held the last Wednesday of the month 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, **Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. This year we had 8 Scholar Athletes recognized at the National level!! Congratulations to our All-American Scholars: Cole Garr, Dan Martoccio, Katie French, Nick Sanders, Zoe Bellapigna, Matt Hughes, Eric Jenkins and Devin Ramsden.*

**FUNDRAISING**

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**LOOK FOR EXCITING NEW ITEMS AND DESIGNS THIS YEAR!!!!!!!**

**PPYF Web Page**

[www.ppyf.com](http://www.ppyf.com)

Refer to the web page for dates of activities on the calendar, ticket tape announcements at the top, "What's News" for the latest announcements, contact info and many more items of interest!

Great appreciation and a BIG Thank You goes out to John Blanchard for keeping the info updated.

**Pop Warner**

**CHALLENGER DIVISION**

*THE CHALLENGER DIVISION IS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR MENTAL AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED CHILDREN. THE CHILDREN CAN BE ANY AGE. THE BUX-MONT LEAGUE CHALLENGER DIVISION IS AN 8-WEEK SEASON WITH ONE GAME PLAYED AND CHEERED EACH WEEK.*

*SO IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT MAY BE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THIS EITHER PLAYING OR VOLUNTEERING CONTACT AL MARSH.*

**Punt - Pass - Kick Competition**

**Open to all Children in the community.**

**Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> @ STADIUM**

- **All children (Football and Cheer):** *All physical forms must be signed by 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 31<sup>st</sup>). All items must be submitted prior to practicing or equipment is distribution.
  - Completed Physical Form – Will not be able to practice without this form.
  - Three Copies 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):** Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm 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):** ,Monday, August 4th, 6:00pm – **1<sup>st</sup> Practice of the season.** Meet for practice with your squad at the location specified by your coach at Family Night.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**FOOTBALL PLAYERS**

**Things you need to know for practice:**

- Wear spike shoes that have **molded rubber spikes** and proper athletic socks.
- Wear T-shirt and shorts. Tackle players will be issued practice gear. Wear tshirt under shoulder pads and a larger one over top of shoulder pads. All equipment issued to player must be returned CLEAN after last game of season.
- If the child wears eyeglasses, the glasses must be “sports” glasses which are made specifically for athletics.
- Bring water to drink.
- Practice field FINAL Locations will be given to you on Family Information night, THURSDAY, JULY 31<sup>st</sup>. See calendar below.

**CHEERLEADERS**

**Things you need to know for practice:**

- Be on time
- Wear cheerleading sneakers to every practice
- A full shirt must be worn (no midriff tops please)
- Wear athletic style shorts (no jean shorts, clothing with buckles, or skirts)
- No jewelry (earrings, bracelets, necklaces, etc)
- No new piercings
- No gum or candy during practice
- Bring a water bottle
- Eyeglasses must be secured with an athletic strap
- Hair in a ponytail if touching shoulders
- Practice location will be given to you on Family Information night, Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Cheerleading Uniform Requirements – The association provides each cheer participant with a cheer shell, skirt and set of poms for use during the season then returned at the conclusion of the season.
- Each Cheerleader will be responsible for purchasing midriff, bloomer, socks, sneakers, and hair tie selected by the Cheer Commissioner and coaches. Cheer Commissioner will coordinate ordering.

**IMPORTANT DATES - 2008**

Date	Event	Location	Date	Event	Location
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	-Non-Comp. (70, 80 & 90lb.)Tackle Coaches Meeting (Mandatory Head Coach must attend)	Towamencin Firehouse @ 7:30pm	August 24th	Bux-Mont League Punt, Pass & Kick – Must qualify at PPK held on August 9 <sup>th</sup>	To be Announced
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	- Tackle Coach Meeting (105 & 120lb.) -Mandatory Head Coach attend	Towamencin Firehouse @ 7:30pm	August 27th	PPYF Association Monthly Meeting	8:15pm PALMS
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	- PPYF Assoc. Mthly Meeting	Silver Creek A.A.			
July 31	-Family Night  -All football and cheer children should attend with their families. Information provided about 1 <sup>st</sup> practice. All forms must be submitted prior to practicing.	Palisades Middle School Hockey Field (Concrete Steps) @ 6pm	Labor Day Weekend August 29, 30, & 31st	1 <sup>st</sup> games of season	To be announced
August 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Official Practice Night Teams practice at designated site	All squads will practice at specified locations.	Sept. 19th	H.S. Varsity Football Game	Youth Football & Cheerleading Night @ 6:20
August 4	Cheer Coaches Mandatory League Meeting	Towamencin Firehouse @ 7:30pm	October 5th	Bux-Mont Cheer Competition	Hatboro-Horsham
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mandatory League Meeting for Head Flag Coaches	Towamencin Firehouse @ 7:30pm	October 12th	Non-Competitive Cheer Fun Day	Quakertown
August 9	-Punt, Pass & Kick (Boys & Girls)- Open to all children of the community, not only our organization.	HS Football Stadium @ 10am	January 3, 2009	PPYF 2008 Award Banquet	DeSales University

**2008**

**OFFICERS**

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**COMM. HEADS**

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