

WBHS PARENTS AND PLAYERS

Greetings CHARGER FAMILY,

I sincerely hope this letter finds you and your family doing well during this great time of uncertainty in our world today. I am very excited to know that one thing is happening. FOOTBALL is officially upon us.

For those who do not know of me, my name is Bernard Holsey and I am the head varsity football coach at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. I hail from a small community in Georgia and I understand the dynamics behind a close knit community. I am a proud graduate and former student-athlete of Duke University. I was also blessed to be able to extend my football career to the professional ranks of the National Football League (NFL), the Arena Football League (AFL), and the Canadian Football League (CFL). During that time until the present date, I hold nonprofit football camps, give motivational speeches, and am a Care Advocate Specialist for troubled youth.

“Blue Collar” and “Behind the Scenes” are phrases that I would use to describe myself. I put forth hard work and commitment to every job I have had. People that I have worked with would tell you that my work ethic and dedication is nothing short of second best. I have been blessed to have worked with many great players and coaches during my lifetime and have utilized all that was taught to me very well.

As the football season approaches, our coaches are getting excited about working closely with your child. My coaches believe it is their duty to help mold our student-athletes into character driven citizens of the future. Football is one of the many catalysts that we feel will help accomplish that. We would like to extend an invitation to you, to openly communicate your questions or concerns with us. We only ask that you be mindful and respectful of the limited preparation time that we have to instruct these student-athletes, by scheduling a time to discuss your concerns before or after practice. After all, the main focus should always be put on the players. I sincerely want to thank you in advance for your POSITIVE support of our players and coaches. We look forward to a GREAT season and another PLAYOFF RUN.

Best regards,

Coach Bernard Holsey

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

- July 1st- Athletic Registration BEGINS
- July 6th – July 31st: SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY PROGRAM BEGINS (Monday-Thursday, 8am-10am)
- July 13th- July 17th: WBHS Football Contact Days (Upcoming 9th graders -12th graders) (5pm-7:30pm)
- August 3rd/August 4th/ August 11th / August 17: ImPact Testing: 7:00am/8:00am/9:00am (every test starts on the HOUR)
- August 3rd: EQUIPMENT HANDOUT AND TESTING- (8am-10:30am) /\$25 Athletic Fee is due/\$5 Locker fee due
- August 4th: First Day of Practice (8am-12pm)

In order to ensure a safer environment during this time, we are utilizing Social Distancing methods by:

1. SMALLER WORKOUT GROUPS(6-8)
2. WIDE SPREAD USE OF THE FIELDS AND FACILITIES (AT LEAST 6FT.)
3. LOCKER ROOM USE IS ONLY LIMITED TO THE USING THE RESTROOM
4. NO SHOWERING PERMITTED
5. SANITIZING EQUIPMENT HOURLY AND DAILY AFTER EVERY USE

WE, AS A COACHING STAFF WILL DO OUR BEST TO CREATE A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR YOU CHILD.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT: (706)853-9700 OR bholsey@wittbirn.k12.wi.us if you have any questions or concerns.

I will be sending out a schedule and calendar for the upcoming season with practice dates and game times as soon as possible. My coaches and I are meeting on these details to ensure smarter safety practices for the kids.

Thank you for your patience.

Coach Holsey