

Dear Packer Football Parents and Players:

The 2026 Football Season is approaching fast. We have seen great participation in our summer football camps and Packer Power, and the players have been working hard. The coaching staff is excited about the progress we have made leading into the season. Although participation in summer activities is highly encouraged, it is in no way mandatory and every year we have several players that complete the football season without participating in the summer activities.

The best place for you to keep up with information about West Fargo Football is the app SportsYou. Team communication, announcements, and the schedule are continually updated on this app. The calendar tab contains our full season schedule. This is an important tab to review. While the calendar is subject to change, most events included on the calendar are finalized. All practices, weight room sessions, meetings, etc. August 6th and after on the calendar are considered **mandatory**—please adjust schedules accordingly. Links to sign up for SportsYou will be attached to this message.

IMPORTANT—PRIOR TO AUGUST 6th PLEASE COMPLETE MANDATORY FORMS ON ARBITER! Players will not be allowed to practice until these items are submitted and approved. To find Arbiter use the link to our WF football website:

<https://wfhs.web.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/programs/activities/athletics/football>. There are 2 remaining Essentia Sports Physical Blitzes for those still in need of getting a physical – Tuesday 7/28 from 4-7 PM at West Fargo High School, and Thursday 7/30 from 4-7 PM Horace High School.

Thursday, August 6th is Day 1 of the 2026 football season – there will be a mandatory team meeting at 7:15 AM, followed by our 1st practice that will begin on our practice field at 8:45 AM. Players who do not have a helmet and shoulder pads will receive their gear during final **equipment handout on Wednesday, August 5th from 2-4 PM.**

This upcoming Tuesday, July 28th, we will begin our 2nd fundraising effort of the season, which follows our Donate for Dough fundraiser completed July 22nd. Donate for Dough was a huge success and with the awesome effort given to raise funds, we are able to fully fund the inflatable helmet and tunnel! The reason we do fundraising activities are to help provide the players with the best experience possible. All fundraising dollars go directly back to the players. We use the funds to purchase meals before and after games for the players, pay for team building activities, purchase practice equipment not covered by our general funds, etc. Players will be given information on the fundraising activities we will do at practice. My expectation is that all players will participate in the fundraising activities with the same effort. Results will vary by player and that is expected and acceptable.

On **Tuesday, August 4th at 5:45 PM** we will have a **parents' meeting in the commons**. Please plan on attending the parents' meeting. At the parents' meeting we will be collecting a donation for this year's team lunches, team meals, and fire up bags. Fire up bags are the snacks and drinks players receive when they load the bus for road games. A suggested donation of \$30 per player would be greatly appreciated. Venmo is the preferred payment option, which can be paid at @WFPackersFootball, but cash or check will be accepted as well and will be collected at the parents' meeting. Please make checks payable to WF Packers Football and include your players name when donating through Venmo.

We want to encourage our parents to get involved with the program. There will be signup sheets for parents to volunteer for events such as Team Lunches/Meals, 50/50 Raffles, WestFest Parade Preparation, Inflatable Helmet/Tunnel Set-up and Tear Down, Grapes/Watermelon Handout, 9th Grade and JV Chain Gang, and more at the parents' meeting. If you have further questions regarding volunteer

opportunities, you can reach out to myself, Jessica Berg, Heidi Knudsen, Kaye Fischer, or Sandi Rahn. I also have the current Sign-Up Geniuses linked at the bottom of this letter, if you would like to look at current volunteer options. Parents can also sign up for the SportsYou app and receive all messages the players receive. The information on how to sign up for the SportsYou app is the same as provided in the attached link for the players.

There is also a parent/team Facebook page. You can find the Facebook page by searching for West Fargo Packers Football.

In closing I want to stress how excited we are to work with all of our players this season and to make Packer Football the best experience possible for all players. If you have questions, please call or email me. My phone number is 701-388-2203 and my email is espeterson@west-fargo.k12.nd.us.

Current Volunteer Opportunities (More to Come at the Parents' Meeting August 4th):

[Team Meals](#)

[50/50 Raffles for Varsity Home Games](#)