

Dear Parents/Guardians and Student-Athletes of Smith Middle School:

The purpose of this letter is to share with you information and expectations for the upcoming 2019 Smith Football season. Our goal this year is to make this season a successful and memorable one for your student-athlete. Each student athlete will learn the basic fundamentals of football in a safe and competitive manor.

Being a member of the football team comes with certain expectations. Your student-athlete is expected to maintain good grades in the classroom. In order to remain eligible, each student must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.00. If at any time any student falls below this mark, they will be dismissed from the team. This is a district and MHSAA's policy.

As a member of the football team, your student is also a representative of Smith and the surrounding community. All student-athletes are expected to represent themselves, their family, and their school in a positive manner at all times. We expect their best behavior at all times. Failure to demonstrate proper behavior will be dealt with individually and can result in dismissal from the team.

Students should be picked up within 15 minutes of the end of practice. Practice generally runs from 3:15 to 5:15 PM and attendance at every practice is mandatory. Excessive absences and/or being tardy to practice will result in their dismissal. Student's should only miss practice unless it is a family emergency or an illness which results in an excused absence from school.

Students getting picked up from practice must be picked up by 5:30 PM. On game days students will be arriving back to campus by 5:15 and should be picked up by 5:30 as well. Please pick up players in a timely manner. Please note that this is an estimated time.

Team members are excused from class around 1:45 pm on AWAY game days and are expected to ride with the team to the game. Team members are excused from class around 2:30 pm on HOME game days. Any class work missed because of early dismissal is the responsibility of the student. Students are

expected to make contact with all the necessary teachers to determine what they will miss and retrieve any homework.

Buses are provided to and from all away games. As a staff, it is our goal to promote unity and family within our team. All student-athletes must ride the bus home.

## **SUMMER CONDITIONING/PRACTICE**

The 1st day of conditioning/practice will be on Monday, August 19th @ 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Conditioning will continue to be from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm for the rest of that week. Please have players picked up by 5:15 pm at the latest. If a student-athlete does not have a sports physical it is still important to watch and learn. Exposure and seeing what practice looks like can be a valuable learning experience.

Sincerely,

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