



TO: Freshmen Football Parents

FROM: Coach Moritz

DATE: June 24, 2008

SUBJECT: CALENDER

On behalf of Br. Brady our Principal, Chris McKeon our Athletic Director, and Chris Merritt our Head Football Coach I want to take this opportunity to welcome you and your son to the Columbus family and to our football program.

Over the years Columbus has had a rich tradition in football that involves more than winning. Football at Columbus requires a tremendous commitment on the part your son and of you as their parents. As a member of the Columbus football program your son is making a commitment to every other member of the team. That commitment extends beyond the football field to the classroom and out into the community where we expect our players to meet standards established over many years by those who came before them. Players who cannot meet these well established standards will not be permitted to remain with the team.

1. We expect our players to come to school prepared academically each day. This is challenging given the demands that football places on their time and energy.
2. We expect our players to be leaders in the school who set an example for other students by the manner they conduct themselves in the classroom, hallways, and cafeteria.
3. We expect our players to be where they are supposed to be and to be there on time. Including school, study hall and practice.

The practice schedule posted online is an effort to help you plan for routine appointments with doctors, dentists, optometrists, etc. and to minimize schedule conflicts which may cause your son to miss a practice or game. Once school begins we will use the “three strikes and you are out rule” which operates as follows:

1. First Missed Study Hall/Practice – Player will not dress for the upcoming game
2. Second Missed Study Hall/Practice – Player will not dress for the upcoming game
3. Third Missed Study Hall/Practice – Player will be dismissed from the team

Practices missed due to absence from school do not count as a “strike”. Any extraordinary circumstances that present themselves will be addressed on a case by case basis.

We look forward to working with your son, and to a successful start of your sons four years here at Columbus. If you have any questions please contact me at [jmoritz@columbushs.com](mailto:jmoritz@columbushs.com)

Thank you,  
Coach Moritz