Subject: **Email for week of 8/22/21: Week 1 and First Game of the Season vs. Redford Eagles**

Hey Blue Jay Nation!

All email info is pasted to huddle notes on our Blue Jays website

<https://livoniabluejays.com/h>

* **Football** **practice schedule this** **week**:
  + **Freshman, JV, Varsity Football:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 5:30 – 8:00 (be at the field ready at 5:15). Saturday is a walk thru. Stay tuned for communication from us or coaches on times for Saturday’s walk thru. **NO PRACTICE ON THURSDAY**
  + Wear practice jerseys, shoulder pads, helmet, mouth guard, cup, cleats, bring a water jug

* **Flag Football:**will practice Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5:30-730.
  + Wear practice jerseys, shorts, mouth guards, cups, cleats, bring a water jug
* **Franklin Football Game Thursday:** No Practice for Freshman, JV, or Varsity on Thursday, August 26th due to Livonia Franklin football 7pm game in Hartland! If you’re able to, please wear your Blue Jay attire to the Franklin football game and show your Blue Jay pride to cheer on our Franklin Patriots!
* **Volunteer signups**: Each player’s family must volunteer to work at 3 events. Email communication has been sent to families with instructions on how to sign up. If you have any questions, please see Celeste Burling or any director 6-8pm at practice **(Blue canopy)**. We are hosting the first game of the season and we are a volunteer run organization. Please sign up to volunteer and help make this the best Blue Jays season yet!
* **Kitchen donations**

A in past years, we are asking that our families help stock our kitchen/concessions to defer costs so that we can continue to provide our players and cheerleaders with the best experience.  Kitchen donations can be dropped off to **Corbin Allen** **(Blue canopy)** at practice. We are seeking donations as follows:

* Varsity Football and Cheer – Water donations (20 oz bottles)
* JV Football and Cheer – Gatorade
* Freshman Football and Cheer – Soda Pop
* Flag Football and Cheer – Candy and Chips

Blue Jays can accept payment via **Venmo and PayPal**

* This is a great feature and one that will allow all fans at our homes to pay using their phones
  + <https://livoniabluejays.com/pay>

**August 29th is the first regular season game vs. Redford Eagles at Bentley Field (Blue Jays are HOME TEAM)**

**Game day attire**

* **Flag:** Blue Game Jersey, blue game shorts, black socks, cleats, cup, mouth guard, helmet, & water jug
* **Tackle:** Blue Riddell Game Jersey, blue game pants, belt, black socks, helmet, mouth guard, shoulder pads, other pant pads, girdle, cleats, & water jug

**Game Day times for August 29th:**

**Early Weigh-In times TBD**

* **Flag: Arrive 8am, game at 9am**
* **Freshman: Arrive 10am, game at 11am**
* **JV: Arrive at 12pm, game at 1pm**
* **Varsity: Arrive at 2pm, game at 3pm**

**Our goal is to improve, to get better every day.**

**We wanted to share learnings, so we can continuously improve the Program**:

1. The sidelines should be limited to coaches, athletes, directors, and coordinators; everyone else needs to be behind the fence as this is a safety issue

1. If you are a coach/athlete/director/coordinator on the track, please do not go on the track and cross in front of the cheerleaders.

1. Volunteers (if applicable), please check-in with the volunteer coordinator (signups will be via clipboard posted on fence).  Make sure you understand your task, go to your post, and complete assigned task/function for that time frame.  If you need help, please ask

1. Please do not ask kitchen for special requests…they have a challenging job and it is difficult to accommodate one-offs and run an efficient kitchen

**Cheer**

Look for cheer FB page

[Livonia Blue Jays Cheer Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/482954111810518/)

**Family Day activities and Family Day game is September 25th at Bentley**

* Posters for family day (ask team moms if you’re not sure what this is; sorry this is not my expertise)

**UPS store** has offer for printing/laminating posters

The UPS Store 3011

37637 Five Mile Road

Livonia, MI 48154

Sports Poster Printing: $14.99

Sports Poster Laminating: $9.99

Special Offer: Printing & Laminating for $19.99 Any Size up to 20”x30”

Go Blue Jays!

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