



Monday Night Gridiron Club Newsletter

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"Message from the Gridiron Club"

Welcome to Big Red Football 2019!

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Before you know it, we will be spending our Friday nights at Community Field and the all new Beaupre Field cheering on Head Coach Don Johnson and the 2019 Red Rocketeers as they embark on the new season. This newsletter will hopefully provide you with some useful information concerning both the team and the Gridiron Club. If you are new to the football program please check out our website at www.redrocketeers.org. Each week during the season it will be updated with news, important dates, game scores, game photos, and much more. We look forward to seeing you all at the field!

The Monday Night Gridiron Club

Tradition

North Attleboro takes great pride in our football program. For decades the Red Rocketeers have been one of Massachusetts' premier interscholastic football programs. As part of Big Red Football, your sons will be asked to maintain a very high standard on and off the field. The lessons they learn relative to dedication, sacrifice, and being part of a team will serve them well the rest of their lives. Success will be derived from a commitment to preparation and hard work. Your sons will be challenged physically and mentally.

Three New Leaders

This season's tri-captains are **#22 Ethan Friberg, #39 Tom O'Neil & #63 John Kummer**. All three have distinguished themselves in the eyes of their teammates and they are charged with continuing North's dedication to LTD. (Loyalty, Toughness, and Discipline).

Preparation for a successful season starts long before August. The off-season weight training/strengthening program, a foundation for success on the field, has been in full swing since the end of school in June and varsity skilled position players have been working on offensive and defensive passing skills in Passing League.

To further prepare themselves for the challenges of the season ahead, captains' practice, a rigorous routine of fitness drills, began July 29th and will continue three days per week until the start of official coaches' practices.

Parent's Meeting

This year's Pre-Season Parent's Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 18th at 6:00 pm at the High School lobby and auditorium. Parents of all players are encouraged to attend.** Head Coach Johnson and the entire coaching staff will discuss this year's program and their expectations. This meeting will be especially informative, as the schedules and practice routines for the season will be explained in detail. Incoming freshman parents, in particular, are strongly encouraged to attend.

Monday Night Gridiron Club

In addition to presentations by the coaches on August 18th, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the Monday Night Gridiron Club. The Gridiron Club is the non-profit booster club founded to provide the team and coaches with the tools and support they need to run a successful program. For many years the school's budget has not been able to provide the football program with everything needed. This is where the Monday Night Gridiron Club steps in. Through fundraising, the club is able to provide the team with items that they would otherwise have to go without. Out of necessity, in recent years, the Gridiron Club has purchased helmets, game pants, game jerseys, practice jerseys, sideline headphones, rib pads, chin straps, and blocking pads. The Gridiron Club also funds a scholarship awarded annually to a graduating senior and provides stipends for volunteer coaches. The ongoing needs of a successful program with so many players are substantial and more than the town is currently able to provide.

Some believe that the football program is heavily funded and that all needs are readily filled, stemming from the belief that the high school football program receives the revenue from gate receipts and concessions. All gate receipts or ticket sales go directly to the school system to support busing costs for all the school funded sports programs. The concession stand is operated by and for the benefit of the North Attleboro Pop Warner Junior Football program. Football is fortunate to be a “school funded” program but the current funding level does not go beyond the most basic needs. The ability of the Monday Night Gridiron Club to provide additional support has never been more important.

The Monday Night Gridiron Club will be set up on Parent’s Night at the entrance to the auditorium with information regarding the following and all information is also available at our designed website at www.redrocketeers.org.

- **Red Rocketeers Program Book**

The Gridiron Club’s primary fund-raising effort is the Red Rocketeers program book sold at all home games. Sponsorships are solicited by the Directors of the Gridiron, but all are welcome to participate. If you know anyone who would like to place a sponsorship in this year’s book, please contact Kyle Harding at nahsmngi@gmail.com

- **Gridiron memberships**

We invite all parents to become active supporters of the club and the program by becoming Gridiron members. Each \$25 membership includes your name listed in our program book and you will also receive the seasons schedule magnet.

- **All New Gridiron Apparel**

Samples of our new apparel will be on display with information regarding how to order. Online store ordering dates will be announced with additional dates to follow. The link can be found on our website.

- **Personal messages for players and cheerleaders**

The Gridiron will also be offering a chance to purchase detailed personal player messages for the program book. These messages can also include a picture of your choice.

- **Monday Night Gridiron Alumni Association**

The Gridiron Club is also pleased to announce the return of the MNGI Alumni for its 3rd season. We are asking Alumni seeking to make a real difference to contact our Alumni Committee for more details at mngialumni@outlook.com. Or find us on Facebook @ NAHSMondayNightGridironAlumni.

- **Gridiron Sponsored Preseason Cookout**

Immediately following the 4PM Saturday, August 24th scrimmage at Beaupre Field, the Monday Night Gridiron Club will be hosting our annual pre-season cookout for all players, cheerleaders and their families: freshmen, JV, and varsity. We encourage everyone to attend and get to know the players, families, and coaches. Food is supplied by the Gridiron Club but we do ask that you supply your own beverages (non-alcoholic).

We look forward to seeing you on August 24th!

Don’t forget your check book and debit cards so you can take advantage of everything available before the start of the season.

Schedule

The first team meeting will take place Wednesday August 14th at a time to be announced at the High School. The entire pre-season is a work in progress and will be emailed when finalized. The game schedules are below. Please be aware all dates and times are subject to change due to weather conditions, field conditions, gym availability, and/or other factors. **Player attendance is absolutely mandatory** for all official team practices and activities.

Scrimmages

Scrimmages are currently scheduled for:

- **Saturday, Aug. 24 vs. Marshfield at 4 p.m. at Beaupre Field**
- **Saturday, Aug. 31 at Bridgewater-Raynham at 10 a.m.**

2019 GAME SCHEDULES

(All dates and times are subject to change)

Varsity

Fri.	Sept. 6	at King Philip	7:00 p.m.	Mactaz Field (@KP)
Fri.	Sept. 13	Bye	---	
Fri.	Sept. 20	at Feehan	7:00 p.m.	McGrath Stadium (@BF)
Fri.	Sept. 27	vs. Foxboro	7:00 p.m.	Beaupre Field
Fri.	Oct. 4	at Milford	7:00 p.m.	MHS
Fri.	Oct. 11	vs. Sharon	7:00 p.m.	Beaupre Field
Fri.	Oct. 18	vs. Canton	7:00 p.m.	Beaupre Field
Fri.	Oct. 25	at Stoughton	7:00 p.m.	TBD
Fri.	Nov. 1	Play-offs	TBA	
Fri.	Nov. 8	Play-offs	TBA	
Fri.	Nov. 15	Play-offs	TBA	
Sat.	Nov. 22	Play-offs	TBA	
Thurs	Nov. 28	vs. Attleboro	10:00 a.m.	Beaupre Field

Junior Varsity

Mon.	Sept. 23	vs. Bishop Feehan	3:45 p.m.	Beaupre Field
Mon.	Sept. 30	at Foxboro	3:45 p.m.	Martinelli Field (@FHS)
Mon.	Oct. 7	vs. Milford	6:30 p.m.	Beaupre Field
Sat.	Oct. 12	at Taunton	10:00 a.m.	Aleixo Stadium (@THS)
Sat.	Oct. 19	at Mansfield	1:30 p.m.	Alumni Field (@MHS)
Mon.	Oct. 28	vs. Stoughton	3:45 p.m.	Beaupre Field
Mon.	Nov. 4	vs. King Philip	3:45 p.m.	Beaupre Field
Sat.	Nov. 9	at Attleboro	12:00 p.m.	Tozier-Cassidy Field
Sat.	Nov. 16	at Franklin	12:00 p.m.	Pisini Turf (@FHS)

Freshmen

Thurs.	Sept. 19	vs. Bishop Feehan	6:30 p.m.	Beaupre Field
Thurs.	Sept. 26	at Foxboro	3:45 p.m.	Martinelli Field (@Ahern MS)
Thurs.	Oct. 3	vs. Milford	3:45 p.m.	Beaupre Field
Thurs.	Oct. 10	at Taunton	3:45 p.m.	Aleixo Stadium (@THS)
Thurs.	Oct. 17	at Mansfield	6:00 p.m.	Alumni Field
Thurs.	Oct. 24	vs. Stoughton	3:45 p.m.	Beaupre Field
Thurs.	Oct. 31	vs. King Philip	3:45 p.m.	Beaupre Field
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Enjoy the rest of the summer and get ready for a great fall!