

Princeton Vikings Parent Meeting
May 8, 2017

Greetings Viking Nation,

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED:

We had a great time meeting and greeting parents of our 2017 football athletes! Parents and team supporters feasted on burritos and burrito bowls provided by local Chipotle Mexican Restaurants in Tri-County, Forest Park and Blue Ash. Two door-prize winners took home a gift basket from BJ's Restaurant in Tri-County Mall and autographed bobblehead and baseball donated by Reds' Hall of Famer, Lee May.

The meeting concluded with Coach's Corner, the business portion of our meeting, in which Head Coach Mike Daniels (new to Princeton?-see the article, "Meet Our Head Coach," for information on Coach Daniels) addressed the group with information regarding his plans and goals for the Viking Football team this year. Here are a few highlights from that talk:

- Coach Daniels' major goal for this year is to RAISE THE BAR for the Viking Football team
- Introduction of the Coaching Staff to parents in attendance. Coach expressed his excitement about the upcoming season and his pride in working with a group of professionals who will not only work with him to build an outstanding football team, but who are also dedicated to developing each player's abilities off the field as well. Our athletes will be prepared not only for the challenges they face on game day in the game of football, but those they will face in the game of life. To that end, our coaching staff will focus on football skill development, but they will also concentrate on teaching and fostering good manners, academic achievement, reliability and accountability-building young men of character.
- Athletes are expected to be prompt and present at all meetings, practices and workouts. The Head Coach should be notified in advance in the event that they will be unable to attend a scheduled team event. Some issues, such as transportation, can be resolved if given advance notice of the problem; however, calling or texting at the time of the event makes it difficult or impossible to address and is unacceptable and will be considered unexcused.
- Stay tuned-parents will soon be receiving an email announcing the new mobile app-FIRST TOUCH-in which parents can access information regarding the team calendar, our schedule and any changes made, as well as announcements and specific information regarding upcoming events. What may be the most important feature of this app, however, is parents and athletes' ability to contact the coaches and other football parents directly in real time with any questions, requests for clarification or to address any issues that are sure to arise. It can also be used to form groups through which carpooling to practice and workouts can be arranged for example. Viking athletes are

already using this app. Keep an eye out for instructions on how to download the app and set up your account, which are forthcoming.

- Coach Daniels also discussed the team calendar with parents in attendance. Important dates over the summer months include-
 - May 20th-Beacon Orthopedics Sports Physicals will be performed at their office located at 500 East Business Way, Sharonville, Ohio 45241. Buses will be available, leaving the school at 9am and should return around 1pm. Please be sure to have the Beacon forms completed and sent with your athlete to get their sports physical. If your athlete is unable to attend this event, they will need to obtain their physical from their family physician or local urgent care provider prior to participation in football.
 - Weight room training twice weekly through the end of the school year
 - June 5th begins workouts Tuesday through Thursday 8am-11am to allow for outside activities, including other sports, Thursday evening through Sunday.
 - July 10th-Evening practice 5pm-8pm. This will incorporate 7 on 7's, starting with Mt. Healthy. Information will be available and permission slips will be sent home next month. 7 on 7 schedule is available online.
 - July 25-27 Camp Viking-this is our season kickoff and is a time for team building, developing a sense of camaraderie amongst our athletes and much more. Details regarding camp will be sent out in July.
 - August 1st-Two-a-Days begin
- Coach Daniels will be meeting with next year's Seniors individually to initiate plans for the upcoming year.
- Coach Daniels and the entire Vikings Football Staff is Excited! Excited! Excited! about this year! What a great time to be a Princeton Viking!!

In conclusion,

Go Vikes!!