

Dear Parents:

I wanted to update everyone on our Patriot Jr. High Youth Football Program for the 2011 season. I will continue to serve as the Youth football coordinator for 2011. This is my 6th season as the Youth Coordinator. I am a graduate of Carroll and played for Coach Jim Spoerl.

I am pleased to announce that Pete Williams will be back and serve as the head coach of the 8th grade. Pete played at Carroll for Coach Steve Bartlett. Pete has extensive Jr. High and varsity coaching experience. Coach Williams returns a strong group of student-athletes from the 7th grade team in 2010.

I am pleased to announce and Josh King and Chris McVicar will be leading our 7th grade program in 2011. Chris rejoins our Jr. High staff and has coached Jr. High football for 4 seasons. Josh King returns for his 5th season. Josh played on 2 State Final Four teams @ Carroll for Coach Steve Bartlett, while Chris McVicar played for Coach Jim Place @ Stebbins. We are excited about our incoming 7th grade class.

We will be following the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) guidelines for age and feeder school eligibility. I will review these guidelines at our sign-up meeting on April 7th.

Key planning dates:

- Sign up meeting - Thursday April 7th @ 6:30 @ Carroll
- Junior High Carroll Youth Camp - Week of July 18th
- First Day of Conditioning - August 1st, physical forms due by August 1st.

Our 2011 game schedule is nearly complete. Highlights include:

- Annual Patriot Quad Scrimmage: Carroll, Oxford Talawanda, and 2 Jr. High programs from Lakota
- Home / Home series with Hamilton CYO and C-J
- Bellbrook game on all purpose turf, @ Bellbrook Stadium
- 8th Grade game VS Lehman Catholic
- 8th Grade game @ LaSalle High School (APT) Vs. the Tower Titans, a feeder into LaSalle
- Regular season ending showdown Vs. Alter, @ Carroll

I met with Coach Levy, Carroll's new Head Football Coach, and provided him an update on our program. We will run the same 50 defense, but on offense we will change and we plan to utilize more of a true veer offense, and will be developing all phases of the offense (blocking, running, passing). Our goal is to develop the fundamentals for our Jr. High student-athletes.

- We will have our annual Spring sign-up meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday April 7th @ 6:30 @ Carroll.
- The Youth Camp will be the week of July 18th @ Carroll.
- All sign-up forms, etc are on-line, at www.patriotyouthfootball.com
- A preliminary 2011 calendar is on-line.

While it's still cold outside, we all look forward to starting up our 2011 season.

Thank you, Frank Hemmert