To: ACH Middle School football players and Parents/Guardians

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It’s almost that time! Warrior football is just around the corner and we cannot wait for the upcoming season! I’m head coach Mana Victorino and my assistant coach this year is Graham Grindy. We are really looking forward to this 2023-24 football season as hopefully we should have a good number of boys turning out and the plan is to hopefully have another successful year!

First a few items to address:

1.) In order to be able to participate in Middle School Athletics, students will need to purchase an ASB card, which costs $20 and there is also a $10 athletic fee per sport, both of these which can be paid at school registration (ice cream social). Do not let money be the reason to not turn out, if it is an issue please don’t hesitate to contact me or Principal Kelsey Hoppe as there are specific funds set aside in order to help out with these finances.

2.) There are also a few other pieces of paperwork that will need to be filled out as well; current physical (good for two years), proof of insurance, medical waiver and the athletic code. There will be two practices held before the start of school so this paperwork will need to be filled out and turned into Luci prior to these dates in order for players to be able to participate! You can find this paperwork under the “athletics” tab on the almirasd.org website and then go click on “athletic forms”.

**The two practices will be held in Almira at The Lions Club Park on Wednesday, August 30th from 3:30pm-5:30pm and Thursday, August 31st from 8:30am-10:30am. There will be no activity bus for these two practices!**

3.) The WIAA requires players to have 12 practices in order to be able to participate in the first game. Once school starts, there are only 12 practices scheduled so players will need to be sure to be at ALL practices. Players should show up to the first practice in shorts and a T-shirt with cleats and a water bottle. If players have to miss a practice for whatever reason, please communicate with me or one of the coaches ahead of time so that we are aware!
4.) On the first day of practice we will issue gear, these items are then yours for the season, which means you are responsible for them. You will need to take care of the items and do not lose them otherwise there will be a reimbursement cost. If anybody needs equipment please make sure us coaches are aware as early as possible. There is a lot of extra gear that can be used or loaned out throughout the season.

5.) **School Days:** Beginning the first day of school on Tuesday, September 5th, plan on practicing every day after school from 3:30 to 5:15. The activity bus will be picking players up at 5:25 each day, except on game days where there **WILL NOT** be an activity bus. If changes occur to the schedule throughout the season I will be sure adjust and update the it as soon as possible. That way all parents/guardians are up to date with the most current changes. Again, I am really looking forward to this upcoming football season and I am very excited for what is to come!

If anybody has questions please don’t hesitate to contact me!

Thank you for your time and Go Warriors!

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