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Jaguar Football & Cheerleading Program

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Program Message: It's hard to believe that this is the 12th season of Jaguar football and that the Trice family has been involved since that very first year. They have seen the program go from "Football Camp" to a few teams fighting their way through H/B to a merger with the YMCA, the winning of H/B championships, to 8 full squads competing and winning and recognized as a contender in H/B football. They have watched their children play, cheer, help coach and move on and still Jim and Kellee have remained and helped the program to grow. There comes a time when everyone must move on, last year Kellee retired and passed the administrative torch on to Jim. This year, after much thought Jim has decided to also retire. The past twelve years Jim has committed countless hours, along with our many other volunteers, to the Jaguar program and now seems to be the right time to move on. The program is thriving and successful and we have volunteers willing to step up and take on the new challenges that promise to arise. The Jaguar program has never been about individuals it has always been about "the kids", learning football/cheerleading skills, being a part of a team, learning life lessons and most of all being a part of a very big FAMILY--the Jaguar family. Thank you to all of our families for your support over the years and your willingness to help out and make our program what it is today—a place where children can play football, cheer and be successful.

Play-off Games

As things stand right now it looks like all of our teams will make the play-off's. The play-off's are a single round elimination—which means as long as the team wins they continue to the next round. Teams will play at home or away, depending on their standings. The schedule for play-offs will not be available until Monday October 26th. All Round 1 games will be tentatively scheduled on Saturday October 31st (YES—we know that this is HALLOWEEN). As soon as we have the schedule it will be forwarded to the coaching staff. Round 2 of the Play-off's will be November 7th and the Championship games will be played on November 14th. If your team wins—practice will continue through the play-offs.

Homecoming 2009

As you know by now, our program is run by **VOLUNTEERS**, no one is paid and there is a common theme—we do this for the kids. We want to thank Kim Spratt (8-10 team mom) for organizing our homecoming activities. From the very beginning Kim has wanted homecoming to be a special day for all of our Jaguar football players/cheerleaders. There will be special activities planned throughout the day, a DJ to announce all of our players/cheerleaders as they enter the field, banners and lots of celebration. So....when you see Kim on Saturday please thank her for all that she is doing for YOUR child(ren) and the Jaguar program. She has done a fantastic job and we are really happy to have her as a part of Jaguar family. (Did you know that Kim doesn't have a child in our program—she and husband Eddie (8-10 asst. coach) help out to support the community, our program and the children in her day care.)

Please come out and support our teams this weekend.

Game times: 10 AM, 12 Noon, 2 PM, 4PM, 6PM, & 8PM

Special Request

On Sunday October 11th one of our Jaguar football players, Wyatt Griffith who plays on our 10-12 squad, was in a Go Kart accident and severely injured his arm. Wyatt has already had two surgeries and more than likely will be in the hospital for quite some time. We ask that all of our Jaguar families keep Wyatt, Coach Bill and the rest of the Griffith family in your thoughts and prayers. The 10-12 football squad is putting together a basket and sending cards to Wyatt. If you would like to participate see Suzie Pope (10-12 team mom). We wish Wyatt a full and speedy recovery.

To Our Coaches--Thank You

We can't thank our coaches enough for all that they do for the Jaguar Program. Our coaching staff works hard to teach our children the fundamental skills of Football/Cheerleading and the importance of being a part of a team. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of coaches many who have been with our program for years. Our coaches begin preparation during the off-season, attend meetings, review rosters and all as volunteers. Our coaching staff volunteer in excess of 125 hours to the program while working, going to school &/or raising their families. Thank you for your time and commitment to our children

10-12 Lady Jaguars

Our girls did a tremendous job at the game! They were loud and showed lots of spirit. Thanks to our captains this week Ashley Weber, Tori Smith and Rebecca Harmon. Great job ladies!!

Our banners are decorated and we're excited for Homecoming. Can't wait to cheer our football team to another VICTORY!

GO JAGS!!

6-8 Football

The 6-8 Jaguars are on **FIRE!** They shut down their opponent for the 2nd week in a row. We started our game strong with tackles from Thomas Zatalava, Kaemyn McNulty, Carter Malamphy, Dustin Flowers, Ronald Steele, Jacob Porte, Jalen Giles, John Moskes, & Stephen Tristani. During one of the plays Jalen tackled one of the Cav's so hard he fumbled the football and Carter recovered for the Jags. Our offense was strong having carries from Dymear Boyd, Jalen, Jaegar Wesley, Kaemyn, & Alex Newman. Jalen ran 28 yards for a TD with Dustin catching a pass for the extra 2 points leaving the 1st half ending with a score of Jag's 8 – Cav's 0.

The Jaguar momentum was **STRONG** and we started our 2nd half with carries from Baby-D, Jaegar, Jalen, & Alex. Alex ran 35 yards on one of the plays to score the Jag's a TD. Our defense was **OUT OF SIGHT**. We had tackles from Carter, Stephen, Dustin, Jalen, Alex, Bryce Ragan, Thomas, & Ronald. During one of the Cav's plays Alex ran in and sacked the QB in the end zone giving the Jag's a 2 point safety. We ended our 2nd half with a score of Jag's 16 – Cav's 0.

The 6-8 Jaguars just had a great all around **TEAM** effort this past weekend. Without our **GREAT** offensive blocking line (*Kaemyn, Noah Dunn, Mason Kist, Cooper Reynolds, Andrew Goudeaux, Carter, Dustin, Alex, Dow Jones, Jalen, Jaegar, Baby-D, Bryce, & Jacob*) doing their job the entire game we would not have been able to score the 2 TD's, & 2 extra points. Our **AWESOME** defensive line (*Austin Goudeaux, John, Joshua Jones, Dominic Frontera, Thomas, Ronald, Stephen, Jacob, Jaegar, Bryce, Keamyn, Carter, Cooper, Dustin, Jalen, Dow, Alex, & Darrion Ireton*) not only earned a 2 point safety for the Jag's but did not let up one single point to the MOT Cav's. **WAY TO GO BOYS!!!!** The coaches are very proud. Let's keep focused and show the Bel Air Terps whose house their in this weekend for our homecoming game.

11 – 13 JAGS

The guys went out and had another offensive explosion along with stingy defense as they defeated the MOT 49 – 0. Kyle Speed threw TD passes to David Corey and Tre Buchanan. Malik Hathaway ran for a 35 yard run up the middle while breaking about five tackles. Najhi Garnett scored his first TD of the year on reverse of 40 yards, and Zach Jarvis returned and interception for a TD of 20 yards. Brett Page caught a pass for a five yard game for his first catch of the season. The defense was awesome as they defended the MOT pass attack. Cody Davis led the defense to the shut out with the assistance of Austin Todd, Jordan Fisher and Daniel Martin. The guys continue to **THANK** the cheerleaders and their parents for their continued support. We will **ATTACK & EXPLODE** on Bel Air this week!!!!

8-10 Football

4 IN A ROW! Way to go 8-10 Jags! You played another great game on Saturday against MOT. It was another total team win. The offense put up Four touchdowns on the day. The defense was once again lights out allowing only one late TD. Every player on the team contributed in a huge way to this victory.

GREAT JOB PARENTS! This season was turned around after three straight losses. It is easy for a coaching staff to tell what message the players are receiving at home. More often than not when a team gets off to the kind of start we did the message turns sour. The kids stop believing in the coaching staff and things go from bad to worse. That did not happen to this team and I believe it is because we have such a great group of parents. Our team has always been a big family and this year is no different. The boys have continued to learn, "buy in" to the system and work hard in practice. The result truly shows on the field. Struggling through adversity is part of sports and part of life and this team, both players and parents have shown true character this season.

WHAT LIES AHEAD? The schedule hanging on everyone's refrigerator shows two more games. Don't start making weekend plans for after the regular season just yet. We have a lot of football ahead of us. This team is making preparations for a deep championship run! The boys are getting better every week. I truly believe we are continuing to head upward. This Homecoming weekend is a huge week for our team. A win against Bel Air will most likely give us a home playoff game in week 10. We expect a very close and hard hitting game against Bel Air this weekend. Over the last two seasons we have split with the Terps and the two games have been decided by 7 points TOTAL! Two years ago we prevailed 7-6 and went on to win a championship. Last year we fell short 6-0 and the Terps were the eventual champion. Let's be loud this weekend and cheer the boys on to a win! **GO JAGS!**



