



# Monday Night Gridiron Boosters Club Newsletter

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## "Message from the President"

Welcome to Big Red Football 2009!

Before you know it, we will be spending our Friday Nights gathered at Community Field cheering on New Head Coach Don Johnson and his Red Rocketeer football team as they embark on the 2009 season. This newsletter will hopefully provide you with the answers to most of your questions concerning both the team and the Gridiron Club. For those new to the program check us out at [www.redrocketeers.com](http://www.redrocketeers.com) Each week the site is updated with important news, dates to remember, game scores, photos, and much more. Here's wishing everyone a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all in August!

Mike Rayburg

## Tradition

As in the past, the North Attleboro Red Rocketeers have set a standard of excellence for Big Red Football. The stage is again being set to continue the tradition towards another great and exciting season. This conviction is one derived from a commitment to hard work, both on and off the field. It starts in the classroom, then is reinforced on the practice field and supported at home.

## Three New Leaders

This seasons Tri-Captains are **Josh Harris, Joe Kummer and Dylan Rayburg**. All three have dedicated themselves to what is known in North Attleboro as L.T.D. They are prepared to lead the team in an off-season weight training and strengthening program, which has become the foundation for all championship teams. This year, captains' practice, a rigorous routine of fitness drills, will begin on Monday August 3rd as they prepare themselves for the season ahead.

## Parent's Meeting

This year's Pre-Season Parent's meeting will be held for all parents on **Sunday, August 23rd, 2009 at 6PM**, in the high school theatre. **Parents of all players are invited to attend**, as incoming Head Coach **Don Johnson** and the entire coaching staff will describe this year's football program and their expectations. As you all know, the team will not attend camp this year, so this meeting will be especially informative, as the changes in schedule and practice routines will be explained. **INCOMING FRESHMEN PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING.**

## Schedule

The first coaches' practice of the season is on Monday August 24th, 2009. The entire pre-season schedule was included in the packet sent home with your son – **please keep this for future reference**. Attendance is mandatory at these practices. Note that scrimmages are tentatively scheduled for Sat. Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, Weds. Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> at Taunton and Sat. Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at Dartmouth. The Dartmouth scrimmage will also include the freshmen.

### Monday Night Gridiron Club Membership

In addition to presentations by the coaches on August 23rd, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the **Monday Night Gridiron Club**. This club is comprised of former players, parents and other Big Red Football supporters. The purpose of the **Monday Night Gridiron Club** is to provide the team and the coaches with the tools and support they need to run a successful program. Even before the recent troubled economy, school budgets have not always been able to provide NAHS athletic teams with everything they need. This is where the **Monday Night Gridiron Club** steps in. Through vigorous fund-raising, the club is able to provide the team with items that they would most likely have to go without. In recent years we have purchased new white game pants, new sideline headphones, rib pads, and chin straps. We also fund 5 scholarships, which are awarded annually to five graduating seniors and provide stipends for volunteer coaches. As you can imagine the list is long when trying to outfit 150 kids.

There are many who believe that the football program is wealthy, and that the coaches are able to purchase whatever they need to run the program. This is not true - the gate receipts at home games is revenue that goes to the entire athletic department at NAHS, and not directly to the football program. The concession stand is staffed and run by North Attleboro Junior Football, and all proceeds go to them. This is why the role of the **Monday Night Gridiron Club** is so very important. In August we would like to invite all parents to become active supporters of the club and the program. Membership is \$25 per family and, although it is not mandatory, we ask that every family contribute if possible. If you sign up at Parent Night, you are eligible for either a Red Rocketeer Nalgene water bottle, or a new "Gridiron Gang" T-shirt. The website will soon have examples of each, so check us out at [www.redrocketeers.com](http://www.redrocketeers.com). If you're interested in both a T-shirt and water bottle, these will be on sale at the games this season.

<b>2009 Big Red Schedule</b>	<b>2009 JV Football Schedule</b>	<b>2009 Freshmen Football Schedule</b>
9/12 Wakefield		
9/18 Bishop Feehan	9/19 at Bishop Feehan	9/17 at Bishop Feehan
9/25 at Stoughton	9/ 26 Stoughton	9/24 Stoughton
10/02 Foxboro	10/5 at Foxboro	10/1 at Foxboro
10/09 Oliver Ames	10/12 at Oliver Ames	10/8 at Oliver Ames
10/16 at Franklin	10/19 Franklin	10/15 Franklin
10/23 King Philip	10/26 at King Philip	10/22 at King Philip
10/31 at Sharon	11/2 Sharon	10/29 Sharon
11/06 at Mansfield	11/9 Mansfield	11/5 Mansfield
11/14 Canton	11/16 at Canton	11/12 at Canton
11/26 Attleboro	11/21 at Attleboro	11/21 at Attleboro

**GO BIG RED!!!**