



# Monday Night Gridiron Club Newsletter

P.O. Box 1382  
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## "Message from the President"

Welcome to Big Red Football 2011!

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Before you know it, we will be spending our Friday nights at Community Field cheering on Head Coach Don Johnson and the 2011 Red Rocketeers as they embark on the 2011 season. This newsletter will hopefully provide you with answers to some of your questions concerning both the team and the Gridiron Club. If you are new to the program please check out our website at [www.redrocketeers.com](http://www.redrocketeers.com). Each week during the season it is updated with important news, dates to remember, game scores, game photos, and much more. We look forward to seeing you all at the field!

John Holden – Gridiron Club President 2011

## Tradition

North Attleboro takes great pride in our football program. For decades the Red Rocketeers have been one of the Bay State's premiere scholastic football programs. As part of Big Red Football your sons will be asked to maintain a very high standard on and off the field. The stage is set as we head towards another exciting season. Their success will be derived from a commitment to preparation and hard work. It starts at home, continues in the class room, and is reinforced on the field.

## Three New Leaders

This season's tri-captains are **Will Kummer, Paul Norris, and Anthony Plante**. All three have been charged with continuing North's dedication to what is known as LTD. (Loyalty, Toughness, and Discipline). The off-season weight training/strengthening program, a foundation for success on the field, has been in full swing since the end of school in June and varsity skilled position players have been working on offensive and defensive passing skills in the Bridgewater/Raynham Passing League. To further prepare themselves for the challenges of the season ahead, captains' practice, a rigorous routine of fitness drills, will begin the first week in August and continue three days per week until the start of official coaches' practices. The days of the week and time are to be determined.

## Parent's Meeting

This year's Pre-Season Parent's Meeting will be held for all parents on **Sunday, August 21st at 6:00 pm**, in the high school theatre. **Parents of all players are encouraged to attend.** Head Coach Don Johnson and the entire coaching staff will discuss this year's program and their expectations. This meeting will be especially informative, as the schedules and practice routines for the season will be explained in detail. **INCOMING FRESHMEN PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

## Schedule

The first coaches' practice of the season is on Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The entire varsity pre-season and game schedules follow. Please keep this for future reference. Also please be aware all date and times are subject to change due to weather conditions, field conditions, gym availability, and/or other factors.

**Attendance is absolutely mandatory** at these practices.

### Scrimmages

Scrimmages are tentatively scheduled for Sat. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> at Beapre field vs. BC High/Marshfield at 4 p.m., Wed. Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> at Community Field vs. Taunton at 6 p.m., and Sat. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Dartmouth at 10 a.m. The Dartmouth scrimmage will also include the freshmen. If a scrimmage is cancelled due to weather, it would most likely be played the next day, including Sundays.

### Pre-Season Cookout

Immediately following the August 27<sup>nd</sup> tri-scrimmage the Monday Night Gridiron Club will be hosting our annual pre-season cookout for all players and their families; freshmen, JV, and varsity. We encourage everyone to attend and get to know the players, families, and coaches. Food is supplied by the Gridiron Club but we do ask that you supply your own beverages (non-alcoholic).

### **PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE (Varsity/JV)**

August 10	9:00 AM	Team Meeting & Physicals
August 21	4:00 PM	Fitness Testing Part 1
	6:00 PM	<b>Parents' Night</b>
August 22	9:00 AM	Fitness Testing Part 2 & ImPACT Testing
	5:00 PM	Practice (helmets only)
August 23	9:00 AM	Equipment Distribution & ImPACT Testing
	5:00 PM	Practice (helmets only)
August 24	9:00 AM	Organized Team Activity
	5:00 PM	Practice (helmets only)
August 25	9:00 AM	Practice (full pads)
	4:00 PM	Organized Team Activity
	7:00 PM	Practice (full pads)
August 26	9:00 AM	Practice (full pads)
	4:00 PM	Organized Team Activity
	7:00 PM	Practice (full pads)
August 27	4:00 PM	<b>Tri- Scrimmage v. BC High &amp; Marshfield</b> (Beapre Field)
	6:00 PM	<b>Gridiron Cookout</b>
August 29	9:00 AM	Organized Team Activity
	5:00 PM	Practice (full pads)
August 30	9:00 AM	Organized Team Activity
	5:00 PM	Practice (full pads)
August 31	9:00 AM	Organized Team Activity
	2:30 PM	Pictures
	6:00 PM	<b>Scrimmage v. Taunton</b> (Community Field)
September 1	9:00 AM	Organized Team Activity
	3:00 PM	Practice (full pads)
September 2	9:00 AM	Practice (helmets only)
	3:00 PM	Practice (full pads)
September 3	10:00 AM	<b>Game Scrimmage at Dartmouth</b>
September 5	5:00 PM	Practice (LABOR DAY)
September 6	3:00 PM	Practice
September 7	3:00 PM	Practice
September 8	3:00 PM	Practice
September 9		<b>First Game v. Foxborough</b> (7:00 PM Community Field)
September 12		JV Game at Foxboro

### **Monday Night Gridiron Club Membership**

In addition to presentations by the coaches on August 21<sup>st</sup>, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the **Monday Night Gridiron Club**. The Gridiron Club is a non-profit booster club comprised of former players, parents, and other supporters of Big Red Football. The purpose of the club is to provide the team and coaches with the tools and support they need to run a successful program. The school's budget has not always been able to provide the football program with everything needed. This is where beginning in the late 1970's, the **Monday Night Gridiron Club** stepped in. Through fund-raising the club is able to provide the team with items that they would otherwise have to go without. In recent years we have purchased helmets, game pants, game jerseys, practice jerseys, sideline headphones, rib pads, chin straps, and blocking pads. The Gridiron Club also funds a scholarship awarded annually to a graduating senior and provides stipends for volunteer coaches. The ongoing needs of a successful program with 150 players are substantially more than the town is able to fund.

It often seems people and other organizations in town are under the mistaken impression that the football program is heavily funded and coaches are able to purchase whatever is needed to run the program. I assure you that is not the case. This misunderstanding often seems to stem from the belief that football has access to the revenue from gate receipts and concessions. All gate receipts go to the school system to support busing costs for all the funded sports programs. The concession stand is staffed and run by North Attleboro Junior Football. All proceeds go to the North Attleboro Pop Warner football program. Football is a school funded program but with the current economic crisis funding does not go beyond the most basic needs. The role of the Monday Night Gridiron Club has never been more important.

A Gridiron Club membership form is attached for your reference and the Gridiron club will be set up in the lobby on Parents' Night. We 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. When you sign up you will receive a "Gridiron Gang" t-shirt to show your support and your name will appear in the program book sold at all home games. To learn more please visit our website, [www.redrocketeers.com](http://www.redrocketeers.com).

Enjoy the rest of the summer and get ready for a great fall!

#### **2011 Big Red Schedule**

Fri. Sept. 9 v. Foxborough  
Fri. Sept. 16 v. Bishop Feehan  
Fri. Sept. 23 at Canton  
Fri. Sept. 30 v. Franklin  
Thu. Oct. 6 v. Stoughton  
Fri. Oct. 14 at King Philip  
Sat. Oct. 22 at Sharon  
Fri. Oct. 28 at Oliver Ames  
bye week  
Fri. Nov. 11 at Mansfield  
Thurs. Nov. 24 v. Attleboro

#### **2011 JV Schedule**

Mon. Sept. 12 at Foxborough  
Sat. Sept. 17 at Bishop Feehan  
Mon. Sept. 26 v. Canton  
Sat. Oct. 1 at Franklin  
Mon. Oct. 10 at Stoughton  
Mon. Oct. 17 v. King Philip  
Mon. Oct. 24 v. Sharon  
Mon. Oct. 31 v. Oliver Ames  
Mon. Nov. 7 v. St. Sebastian's  
Mon. Nov. 14 v. Mansfield  
Sat. Nov. 19 at Attleboro

#### **2011 Freshmen Schedule**

Thu. Sept. 8 at Foxboro  
Thu. Sept. 15 at Bishop Feehan  
Thu. Sept. 22 v. Canton  
Wed. Sept. 28 at Franklin  
Wed. Oct. 5 at Stoughton  
Thu. Oct. 13 v. King Philip  
Thu. Oct. 20 v. Sharon  
Thu. Oct. 27 v. Oliver Ames  
bye week  
Thu. Nov. 10 v. Mansfield  
Sat. Nov. 19 at Attleboro

**GO BIG RED!!!**



# Monday Night Gridiron Club

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The Monday Night Gridiron Club strives to provide support and financial assistance to the North Attleboro High School Football Program. With the current school funding challenges the need for help has never been greater. All proceeds directly benefit the North Attleboro High School Football Program.

Monday Night Gridiron Club members are proudly listed in the football program ad book and receive a "Gridiron Gang" t-shirt to show their generous support of their community, neighbors, and the North Football Tradition.

## 2011 MEMBERSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ *As will appear in program*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

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Friend of the Red Rocketeers

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Red Rocketeer Alumni – Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent of Player(s)

Player(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership dues: \$25.00 per family** - Additional shirts available at \$10 each

Optional Personal Message/Well Wishes (to appear in program book)

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Single Line (max 40 characters)

**Additional \$10**

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1/8 Page (2 ½ in. x 3 ¾ in.)

**Additional \$50**

*For 1/8 and 1/4 page messages email your individual design, text and images to redrocketeers@gmail.com*

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1/4 Page (2 ½ in. x 7 ½ in.)  
*example below*

**Additional \$95**



## Good Luck in 2010 - Go Big Red!



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### Total Amount

Membership: \$25.00

Additional Shirts: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Message: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to & mail to:

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Shirt Size/s: \_\_\_\_\_