



St Patricia Bobcat Football

Our football season is nearing its end and I am happy to say this field has not seen football practice this late in the season since the early 80's. Our program has rebounded nicely over the past few years with perseverance and hard work by everyone involved. The boys worked very hard and with everyone's effort the team excelled. First I would like to thank all my coaches for their time and efforts and a special thank you to our wives for being football widows again, and again...! Many thanks to, Dave Poskus, Marty Flaherty, Mike Frain, Dale Wyderski, , Dave Sinclair, George Layer, Tom Poskus, Lou Grzelinski, Dan Bubash, John Strus, Van Virva, Patti Wilson, Laura Smith, Joanne Reszutko, Sue Klimasz, Mary Lou Wyderski, Phil Cali, Joe Murphy, Bob Gornick, Jim Meyer, Mark Cavalieri, Nick Cavaligos, Bob Smith, Fr. Dario, Fr. Joe, and Fr. Gerry for their support..... and the list continues. If I neglected to mention anyone, I apologize; each one of you helped participate and made this program what it is today.

I am very proud of our program and all the people involved. Our number one priority is the **safety** of our players! Placement of players is mainly driven by that player's ability to know the position and physically be able to handle it. We, as coaches, become very emotionally involved, especially during games. I feel we need to keep each player physically, emotionally and mentally elevated during games to insure his safety. I can't allow anyone to become complacent and let down his guard. At this point is when many injuries occur at that individual's expense. We are not yelling to humiliate or discipline the player by any means. After the game or practice, we usually take the time to talk everyone about specific problems or questions. I think the boys know us pretty well by now and would agree.

As far as the season goes; it was phenomenal. I am very proud and honored to coach these boys and I know I can speak for the rest of our coaching staff as well. It was a pleasure to see the progress of all the players, their commitment to get better, learning to play as a team, camaraderie, etc... Keep up the hard work and great things will come to those who persevere. This goes for school, sports and whatever else applies and it certainly showed this year! Everyone participated this year in the team's success! We have and will continue to work with high schools to give your sons an advantage as to making their decisions a little easier. We remain in close contact with coaches and faculty to give talks and tours. This helps give you some insight as well as an edge on other students and players, when trying to decide on where your sons will be attending.

Football is the ultimate team sport! Being a part of it parallels life in so many aspects. In the past I have written letters to promote football and all that it has to offer. Here is the gist of the letter. *"Our program opens many doors for the players. I want to present you with all that our program has to offer and hopefully encourage more boys to come out for something more than just saying you participated in a sport. Football offers so much more. It is more than just being a participant in a game. It builds character, self-esteem, friendships and relationships that sometimes last a lifetime. One of the strongest points I have witnessed is the self-confidence the players develop over a short period of time and the role it plays in peer pressure. It may not turn a follower into a leader, but it may certainly give them the courage to stand up and say "NO" when it counts. It shows how teamwork and preparation is so important and it is unlike any other sport. I have seen so many players go through the program. Some of those have come in very meek and humble while others have come in very bold and physical. Both very different but in the end realize how important each other's role plays in overcoming what may seem like an insurmountable task some weeks. The camaraderie continues into high school. They are given unique opportunities introducing them to local high schools, teachers, and coaches, which may make your decision as a family easier. This adds to their comfort level and eases the transition from grammar to high school"* The boys may not see it right away but I notice the subtle changes in all of them and I think (hope) they are beginning to see what I was referring to. **During this season I was approached several times complimenting us on the disposition and sportsmanship of our team, by referees, opposing coaches and league officials.** This is a direct reflection on you and reflects highly of our player's family upbringing and other people involved such as coaches and teachers. I hope to see all of you next year and continue the growth of our program. Thanks again, God Bless, and have a great holiday season!

WARNING: THE ATMOSPHERE OF THIS SUNDAY'S GAME, COULD BE TOO MUCH TO HANDLE! BRING SUPPORT AND CHEER US ON TO VICTORY!! GO BOBCATS!!!!!!

- Will inform on the exact date and details of the awards ceremony. Trying to plan something extra!
- Win, Lose, or Draw we will celebrate the team's success by moving the continued celebration at the Klimasz's house at 5:00 for food, drinks and bonfire. I would like all parents, siblings, family and friends to attend!! Please get with Sue to see what else is needed; still have plenty from last week. # 233.1338

Sincerely, Ken Klimasz and the St. Pats Coaching Staff