



# Dearborn Lions Newsletter

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## Championship Game Results

### Freshmen: Melvindale 33, Lions 26

Brandon Bacon scored three touchdowns for the Lions, while Ty Wyka connected with Brendan Rousseau for another.

Jack Melton, Mohamed Fakh and Samih Arabi headed our offensive attack, while Ameen Elgabri, Jake Szumlanski and Jibril Abdrabboh turned in stellar efforts on defense.

We finished with a 9-1 mark.

Thanks to all the parents for their support this season. *Coach Rick*

### Junior Varsity: Huron River 33, Lions 6

William Marano scored the Lions' only touchdown.

Michael Bates, Kyle Brannack and Yousuf Farhat led our offensive effort, while Bruce Liepe, Adam Ferris and Adam Saad sparked our defense.

We finished with a 7-3 ledger.

Thanks to everyone, especially our parents, for their season-long support. *Coach Mark*

## Mandatory Equipment/Uniform Hand-in

Equipment hand-in for football players and uniform hand-in for cheerleaders will take place Sunday, November 20, at **Ford Field's south shelter** across from the practice fields from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All football and cheerleading uniforms must be freshly laundered and all equipment must be returned in acceptable condition.

Parents of participants failing to return all required items in acceptable condition on November 20 will be assessed a \$50 late fee, which will automatically be deducted from their deposit.

Parents failing to return items, or returning them in an unacceptable condition, will be responsible for paying the replacement cost, as outlined in the DYFA Parent Handbook.

If your child will be returning next season, your deposit will automatically roll over for next year if you completed all of your parent service hours and returned all equipment in clean and acceptable condition.

If your child will *not* be returning for the 2012 season, you may request a refund of your security deposit by filling out and mailing the Refund Request form, located on our web site ([www.dearbornlions.org](http://www.dearbornlions.org)), to Dearborn Lions, PO Box 1995, Dearborn, MI. 48121-1995. Refunds will be processed in January of 2012.

Only participants who have complied with all of the equipment/uniform return requirements will be allowed to re-register for the 2012 season.

## Equipment-Hand-In Checklist

At our equipment hand-in on Sunday, November 20, you'll be asked to proceed through a series of stations where you'll (1) turn in practice and game pants, knee and thigh pads, belt, and helmet; (2) turn in both game jerseys, (3) pick up your child's physical, if you want it, (4) sign up for a potluck dish, (5) purchase your end-of-the-season party tickets at \$5 apiece, and (6) cast a ballot in our annual Board of Directors' Election. **Please note, if you do not pick up your child's physical at equipment hand-in, it will be shredded.**

## Off-Season Communication

During the off season, emails are sent to our members on an "as needed" basis. Therefore, we cannot provide specific communication dates.

Please make sure that you have provided us with an email address that you check regularly.

We check our email on a regular basis during the off-season and respond to inquires within three business days.

Please note that from December 22 – January 9, our parent volunteers will have this time off to enjoy the holidays with their families.

## Lions Board of Directors Elections

The Lions Board of Directors, currently made up of nine people, is the governing body of the Lions franchise. Board members serve three-year terms, which are staggered, so that each year the term of three board members expires.

Board members are required to attend meetings—generally twice a month from mid-August through mid-November and once a month during the rest of the year—and serve on several committees. Membership on the Board of Directors is a year around job.

Parents of children in the Lions program during the 2011 season are eligible to vote in the annual Board of Directors Elections, however, only one parent in each family may cast a vote. The exception to this rule is families in which one or both of the parents served as a coach, game day director, team mom, weigh master or Board member.

This year elections will take place at equipment hand-in on November 20. At the end of the hand-in process, parents will be given a ballot and asked to vote for three candidates.

If you would like to have your name on the ballot as a candidate for the Lions Board of Directors, visit our website, [www.dearbornlions.org](http://www.dearbornlions.org), click on “2011 Board of Directors Elections,” fill out the nomination form and submit it. The deadline to fill out a nomination form is 6 p.m. November 18.

The results of the elections will be posted on our website shortly after they become official.

## End-of-the-Season Party

We'll have our annual End-of-the-Season Party at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center on Sunday, December 4. All program participants—football players, cheerleaders, mascots and coaches—as well as parents and other family members are welcome to attend.

From 4:30-6 p.m., we'll have a potluck dinner in the Dome Room, and each family, football and cheerleading, is asked to bring a large dish to share that serves 6-8 people. Team Moms will be contacting parents to coordinate dishes. While everyone is eating, we'll have brief ceremonies honoring our participants and passing out trophies and Yearbooks.

From 6-8 p.m., everyone will have access to the gymnasiums, swimming pools and climbing wall.

Program participants will be admitted free. Tickets for parents, friends and siblings are \$5 apiece.

**Tickets will *only* be available at equipment hand-in on November 20. No tickets will be sold at the door.**

## 2012 Football & Cheer Registration

Beginning on December 1, current football players, cheerleaders and mascots will be able to register online for the 2012 season. Consecutive year returning players will have exclusive registration rights through February 29, 2012.

To assure your child of an initial spot on next year's roster, you must (1) pay the registration fee (\$150 for football players/\$75 for cheerleaders), (2) post a deposit, *if forfeited or a new participant*, (\$100 for football players/\$50 for cheerleaders) AND (3) purchase raffle tickets (\$100) no later than February 29, 2012.

During March, 2012, our on-line registration system will not accept payments or registrations.

On April 1, 2012, open registration will begin on a first-come, first-served basis, pending the availability of roster spots. Based upon this year's numbers, we anticipate that our jv and varsity teams for 2012 will have few—if any—openings after February 29, 2012. If you, as the parent of a returning player, have not completed the three requirements above by February 29, 2012, your child may lose his/her spot on the roster once open registration begins. **Please re-register early.**

Parents who have fulfilled their Parent Service Time requirement and return all equipment/uniforms in acceptable condition at equipment hand-in on November 20, will have this year's security deposit automatically rolled over to next season.

Parents who have not fulfilled their Parent Service Time requirement have forfeited their deposit and must post a new security deposit when re-registering.

Parents failing to return all equipment/uniforms in a clean and acceptable condition on November 20 will be assessed a minimum fee of \$50, which will automatically be deducted from their deposit.

Parents that do not return all equipment/uniforms on November 20 in a clean and acceptable condition, or that fail to reimburse the organization for lost, damaged or misplaced equipment—per the terms of the Parent Contract—**will not be permitted to re-register.**

During this re-registration period, we will also accept registrations for all three cheerleading squads and from children who will be eight-years old—as of December 1, 2012—for next season's freshman football team.