

# THE BENSENVILLE WOOD DALE BANDITS

## FOOTBALL AND CHEER ASSOCIATION

### Message from the President....

Bandits Family,

Wow! It seemed like yesterday that we were all at our 3 day camp at Fenton High School. I know at least on the football side the results as far as wins and losses were probably not up to a lot of parent's expectations. But really, we the Bandits are in a tough spot. Although we declare ourselves division 3 teams, we are always in a tough situation do to our size, meaning size of our teams. But, on the positive side, our Mitey Mite and our Jr. Pee Wee teams are very young so the future looks bright. Our newly developed Junior High team also has some promise as there will be a large portion of the team returning next year. I can honestly say that I have seen improvement week to week from all of our teams.

On the cheer side, we have just completed conference. Our "Little Bandits" the Mitey Mites, did a spectacular job, especially in front of a packed gym. They handle themselves like seasoned veterans. The Jr. Pee Wee team took a 5<sup>th</sup> place, even though our cheer coordinator felt that the scoring was a bit low. Our Junior Varsity team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, they really did perform well. I was there all day for conference and I got to tell you our girls perform well. I received many compliments from other towns on how well we compete and how great our girls look in their uniforms. Regionals on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Oswego is next for both the Jr. Pee Wee and Junior Varsity. If they finish well, then it is on to Disney.

Speaking of Disney, this is not a cheap trip, there are certain rules and regulations that will need to be followed if we send teams there. We meaning the Bandits Board and the cheer parents will have to fundraise, reach out for sponsors, and basically beg for money to help offset your child and yourselves to help get you all down there. There will be plenty of meetings regarding this so stay tuned.

We just hosted some conference playoff games. I do not want to use the word disappointed, but I have to say that there were several emails that went out asking for help. We got basically nothing in response. Special THANKS to, and this is sad, that it comes down to less than 10 people, Kathy Riley, Carolyn Mason, her son Matt, Bison Vince Eltman, Tony Greco, Karoline Gould, Annette's parents who do not have a grandchild in the program, for that matter Neither does Brian or Annette. Hopefully everyone met their volunteer time as this was a perfect opportunity to meet the need in one day. It was a struggle, there were people out there for almost 11 hours straight, but because of these few we were able to raise \$1700 in just the entrance fee alone plus what we made in concession sales. We do not have to host playoffs, we do this to keep our registration the absolute lowest in all of Chicagoland Pop Warner.

It has been an up and down year. We have had our struggles as we usually do every year and we work to get through them as an organization. I just hope everyone understands how much work goes behind the scenes to make the Bandits run. Your Board continues to work hard and more importantly work together to bring your children the best experience as possible. I, myself would like to thank them all personally for all of their hard work.

We are currently looking for new board members. If you feel this is something that would interest you, contact any board member or myself.

Lastly, our awards banquet is just around the corner so please keep an eye out for that! I have invited the new Varsity Coach At Fenton High School to attend, he has some great ideas and wants to become actively involved in our program.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, ideas or just need to vent.

Sincerely,

Jason Sabala

BWFCA President



## From the cheer corner....

Hello Bandits Family, I do have to say that we have had a great 2017 season this far. As we approach November even though Football has come to an end the Cheer side has just begun their competition season. October 18th the little girls already performed at their Princess Gala and holy cow what a fabulous job these little girls did. They performed to the best of their ability. Next October 22nd at Aurora High School we have competed at conference, soon after we move right into Regionals, which is on Sunday November 5th in Oswego and I cannot wait to see what these girls have going for them. We will soon know if we move onto Nationals and have the chance to go to Disney yet another year.

I would like to personally thank all the hard work put in by our volunteer coaches and team moms this season, all your hard work and effort is so greatly appreciated and I honestly could not do what I do without all of your dedication. The girls performance is a reflection of everything you ladies do. My wonderful Fenton Cheerleader volunteer coaches/ student demos are beyond amazing with all the girls and thanks for all the dedication you have brought to our Bandits teams.

We have had such great parent support this season. Without all your support and time dedicated driving these girls to and from practices and games makes our teams that much stronger.....thanks for all your support!

Much luck to the Cheerleaders at Regionals and lets bring home another trophy and make it all the way to Disney for a chance at Nationals!

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks....

Diana Staszal-Cheer Coordinator



## From the Football Corner....

Another season come and gone. The focus for next year as far as football equipment will be very minimal. I will have to look at the dates of our reconditioning of our helmets. It may be the year where this needs to happen. It will be costly to say the least, it is approximately \$30 per helmet to have them checked and at over 100 helmets this will be a very pricey expenditure, but for sure one that is well worth it. I will also be sending in all our practice equipment in to get repaired. The tackling dummies and hand shields are in dis-repair and instead of buying them new we will get them repaired, but another expense that needs to happen. I will also be purchasing some new tackling apparatus that will actually teach our kids the correct tackling method that is recommended by Heads Up Football.

We are pretty set with all cloth items, like practice pants, game pants and girdles, but every year there is always a need to purchase a few. Hopefully, the new practice jerseys were received well.

As I have said before, my main concern is and always will be the safety of your football player, so helmets and shoulder pads will always be my main concern.

Remember, equipment turn in is November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm at Veteran's Park (same location as pick up). Here you can also pay the banquet fee because please remember there will not be any tickets sold at the door for the banquet.

I really do try to do or get everything everyone needs, it is a daunting task. Hopefully I have made most happy. Again feel free to call or email me if you need anything Jason Sabala at [fbcoach1969@gmail.com](mailto:fbcoach1969@gmail.com)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

Jason Sabala  
Football Coordinator

## Message from the Business Coordinator....

The football season has come to an end, but our cheer is still working hard for their next competition. We are still actively look for fundraising opportunities even as we are close to wrapping up the 2017 season. The banquet is around the corner and we are looking for donations to raffle off at the banquet, if you have any ideas or know someone who has a business who would like to donate items please reach out to them. The world's finest chocolate was a huge success and would like to thank all the people involved in setting it up and to all the kids and their families who pushed the chocolate.

Aaron Stewart  
Business Coordinator





# Mitey Mite Football

## Message from our Team Mom....

I want to congratulate the Mitey Mites for getting 3rd place in the Algonquin Mitey Mite bowl and on a great season. Although our record wasn't the greatest, these athletes come together as a team and improved their skills throughout the season. I couldn't be any prouder of these kids. I will miss each one of them! Hope to see you all next year!

Sarah Linde-Marin

MM Team Mom





# Jr. Pee Wee Football

## Message from our Team Mom....

Wow... another football season over as fast as it started! As I reflect on this season which started with 22 boys in t-shirts, shorts and spikes on day 1, it amazes me how they all develop and grow into a TEAM. They begin to complete passes, run with the ball and block, block, block!



The JPW's had their challenges this season, but there were highlights throughout their season too. They toughed it out through many practices in torrential downpours and even a game with horizontal rain, but they never gave up, they always kept trying, and for that I am very proud of each one of them.

It was an honor to be Team Mom again and have the opportunity to be with the boys on the side lines. On behalf of Coach Aaron and his Assistant Coaches thank you all for allowing us to teach and take care of your boys and for all the time, dedication and love you provided them to have a great season! We look forward to seeing everyone at the banquet in December.

Till next season, always remember...

It's not whether you  
get *knocked down*;  
It's whether you

**GET BACK UP**



JOYFUL BIT

**ONE TEAM ONE GOALBANDITS**

# Jr. High Football

## Message from our Coach....

.....and just like that, the season is over!! Hmmmm, now where do I start? I would like to first give a huge thanks to all of the parents. Thanks for all of the practice drop offs, last minute schedule changes, sweaty car rides home, water bottle fill-ups, and staying in tune with those annoying group text and emails. You guys did all the work for the boys and we as coaches got to do the easy part (YELL at them). In all seriousness, you were truly appreciated and I'm sure the boys are happy to have such great parents as yourselves!

This season, I truly didn't know what to expect while working with a JH Team composed of so many new players. It was a challenge getting the team to come together as one, at a point in their lives where they were trying to gain their own identity. One thing I can say about this team is that they NEVER GAVE UP! I am honored to have been able to instill some structure into these players' lives. Just to name a couple rules.....

**“Dress shirt & Tie on Friday’s,”** was to teach the boys how to look professional and more importantly tie a tie. I hope this will come in handy on their 1<sup>st</sup> job interview.

**“Be on time or run laps”** was to teach the boys how important punctuality is.

I hope that they take the essentials of this football season (Accountability, Respect, and Responsibility) and utilize them throughout their life.

This will also be the last year Coach Flint and I will be coaching our son's on the Bandits Team. We've been coaching them for years. Sort of bittersweet. We wish all the Bandits JH players success and we look forward to seeing majority of the kids around town.

Coach Brooks





# ONE FOR THE TEAM



Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support The Bensenville Wood Dale Bandits Football And Cheer Association. Come in to the Chipotle at **139 N. York Road** in Elmhurst on **Sunday, November 5th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to The Bensenville Wood Dale Bandits Football And Cheer Association.



MEXICAN GRILL

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



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**BANDITS**  
FOOTBALL & CHEER

## **Equipment Turn In**

**When: November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm Each day  
Where: Veterans Park in Bensenville  
(Same as pick-up location)**

**If your team is still playing we will hold another special drop off after they have completed their season.**

**In order to get your deposit check back you must turn in all of your equipment that you were given CLEAN.**

**Pads must be put into the girdle and practice pants after they have been cleaned. We will store them like this and it will make next years process easier.**

**If you have any pants or girdles that have holes or tears in them DO NOT put the pads in and let someone know this when you turn them in so we can get rid of them right there.  
Helmets must have mouth pieces removed and any other stickers or awards removed (except for the Bandit decals and stripes)  
Anything that is missing will be deducted from your deposit check.**

**Any questions feel free to contact Jason Sabala  
630-935-1234  
fbcoach1969@gmail.com**



# 2017 Annual Awards Banquet

Sunday, December 10th, 2017 11:00am— 3:00pm

Diplomat West Banquet Hall 681 W. North Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126



**Don't forget to bring your raffle tickets!**  
**50/50 & Prize Raffles sold at Event!**

Lunch will be served- NO alcohol allowed

**NO SAME DAY ADMITTANCE!!**

**YOU WILL BE DENIED AT THE DOOR IF NOT PRE-PAID BY DECEMBER 1ST**

Please return the bottom portion of this form with payment to:

**BWFCA PO BOX 437 Wood Dale, IL 60191**

You can also give your coach or team mom your form and payment

We will also be collecting the banquet forms at the equipment turn-in dates

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1ST 2017 NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Cut below this line. Keep portion as your reminder

**PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT BY THE DEADLINE!!! NO EXCEPTIONS**

## Bandits

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF ADULTS: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ages 13+

# OF CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ages 4-12

# OF CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$0.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*DO NOT INCLUDE PLAYERS ABOVE*

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD FEE: \$ 2.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<b>PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS DINE FREE</b>	
NAME	AGE
Player's NAME: _____	AGE: _____
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CASH      CHECK      CREDIT  
 #      Add \$2.00 Service Fee

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Emma Siekierski November 3rd

Nestor Perez November 6th

Jazmine Bravo November 8th

Ava Vitellaro November 9th

Lauren Koch November 15th

Daniel Arellano November 25th