



Sivonia Blue Jays



CHEER



2023 Football & Cheer
Parent information deck

Safety and Welcome Blue Jays



Safety:

- The safety of our athletes is our number one concern. The directors will ensure that all personnel have received the proper safety training and that information pertaining to athlete safety is made available to everyone. Directors will select a qualified person to be the player safety coach

Blue Jays Competitive Advantage:

- Our competitive advantage is our Blue Jay community...we are different than other teams and it is our community that sets us apart. Just as iron sharpens iron, so we must sharpen each other.
 - *It is a privilege for young student athletes to be a member of the Blue Jay organization. The time, effort, and energy we all spend in making this program a success is based on a strong conviction that football/cheer and an education will provide the opportunity to build character, leaders, and sportsmanship. As a Blue Jay, we expect everyone to take pride in everything that you do as part of the program*

Updates on specific items



Only mandatory raffle fundraiser:

- \$100 (one athlete) or \$200 (two + athletes)

Hudl:

- Video of football games to be shared with all parents



Download Remind App:

- Signup for Remind app to get text updates and team communications

Website

- www.livoniabluejays.com

Email:

- bluejayslivonia@gmail.com
- Livoniabluejayscheer@gmail.com

Social Media – Facebook:



- [Livonia Blue Jays](#)
- [Livonia Blue Jay Cheer Facebook](#)

2023 Football introductions



Football Directors (primary POC):

- Joe Hosking (Unit DIR – Varsity)
- Kendra Sroka (Varsity)
- Hans Heiman (JV)
- Josh Kirk (Freshman)
- Shawn Hawkins (Flag)

If you have questions, please reach out to the director for your squad (contact info on **slide 21**)

Football Head Coaches:

- Mike Allam (Varsity)
- Jon Reid (JV)
- Nick Dedeluk (Freshman)
- Matt Rigley (Flag)

2023 Coordinators



Player Safety Coach:

- TBD

Administrator / Director-in-Training:

- TBD

Treasurer:

- Shannon Hawkins

Photographers:

- Maria Kirk (lead)



Fun-raisers:

- Karen Wilcox
- Amanda Lenart

Kitchen:

- TBD
- TBD

Volunteer:

- TBD

Field:

- Celeste Burling
- Rebecca Lozon

2023 Cheer introductions



Cheer Directors:

- Pam Milewsky
- Jaclyn Sanchez
- Stacey Taylor
- Heather Poisson

Cheer Head Coaches:

- Pam Milewsky (Varsity)
- Crystal Janashousky (JV)
- Autumn Bynum (Freshmen)
- Aneilia Arban (Flag)

As of 5/19/23, still
confirming cheer
coaches for 2023
season



Team building, camps, and uniforms



Uniform Sizing:

- **2023 is TBD**, last year was Sunday, June 6 by Sign-Up Genius
 - *Location: TBD*

Cheer Camp:

- **2023 is TBD**, last year was Wednesday, June 23 from 5:30-7:30 pm
 - *Location: TBD*



Cheer practice

Dates are TBD



Flag:

- Aug 8-Sept 3, Monday and Wednesday, 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Sept 6-Oct 1, Monday and Wednesday, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Freshman:

- Aug 8-Sept 3, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Sept 6-Oct 1, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30pm-7:00pm

JV:

- Aug 8-Sept 3, Mon, Tue, Wed and Thur, 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Sept 6-Oct 1, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Varsity:

- Aug 8-Sept 3, Mon, Tue, Wed and Thur, 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Sept 6-Oct 1, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30pm-7:00pm



■ October/Cheerfest Practice:

Practice will be INDOORS, locations TBD

Flag will either be two or three days, times TBD

Freshman/Jv/Varsity will be four days, times TBD

10/28/23 = Cheerfest,
location TBD

Fun-raising



Raffle *(only required fundraiser)*

- Raffle tickets are: \$100 for a single athlete or \$200 for multiple athletes within a family

Spirit Wear

- Spirit Wear; last year we had two stores (DO Apparel and Inkorporate). Each one of us offers us different options and we probably will offer both again this year and will share with all parents. They will open at different times (DO usually Spring, Summer, Fall and Inkorporate is usually Summer).
 - A “Limited Edition” sublimated hoodie store, separate from the standard spirit wear site will open around the same timeframe. This store is open only once, due to the longer manufacture timeframe
- The store will reopen at the beginning of practice for the final time. Specific dates TBD

Concessions

- Kitchen coordinator – *TBD*
- Concessions is a source of income for the Blue Jays
- Requests will be made through the season to donate items to be sold at the concession stand during home games (Gatorade, water, pop...)



Other Fun-raisers (optional)

- Fundraising coordinators – *Karen Wilcox and Amanda Lenart*
- Bowling night out, Kona Ice truck, Mod Pizza, Cooler of Fun, etc.



Donations

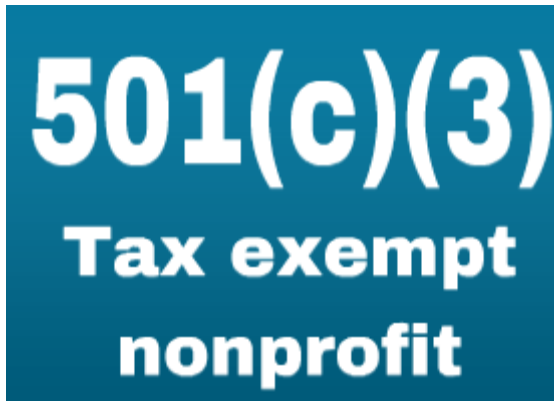


5013c (*nonprofit*)

- Livonia Blue Jays are an entirely volunteer run organization, and we rely upon the generous donations from our community partners to fulfill our mission of providing enrichment and life instruction through youth athletics
- The Livonia Blue Jays are a non-profit organization and part of the Livonia Junior Athletic League (LJAL) 501(c)(3) charitable organization
- Federal EIN 38-6071783 and Michigan ID # 723313

Corporate sponsorship and or donations (tax deductible), please contact

- Treasurer – *Shannon Hawkins* hawkins.beauty@yahoo.com



Volunteering



The LJAL is a volunteer organization; for 7 games we have over 540 spots to fill

- Volunteer coordinator: N/A
- Each player's family must volunteer to **work at 4 events**. Must be 18 years of age or older
 - *Example: kitchen, field set up/clean up, chain gang, announcing, time clock, etc.*
 - *If the volunteering is not completed; potential consequences include:*
 - ❖ Not allowed to attend year-end banquet
 - ❖ Loss of veteran status
- *Sign Up at "Sign Up Genius"; download the app*



Code of Conduct (included with your registration)



Use of social media

- Be respectful
- Communication of program information
- Photo sharing opportunity
- Not a medium for airing of grievances



Game day

- Be Respectful on/off the field:
 - *Officials*
 - *Opponents*
 - *Blue Jay coaches/directors*

Issue resolution

- 24-hour rule:
 - *Wait 24 hours before discussing an issue with coaches and / or leadership*

Escalation of issues

1. Speak to head coach
2. Speak to director
3. Speak to unit director



Expectations



The Goal:

- The goal is to improve, to get better every day!
 - *We use football and cheer as mechanism to achieve this goal and develop student athletes to be the best person they can be both on and off the field*

University of Kentucky
25 cheer national
championships

Bill Belichick
6 super bowl wins

Nick Saban
6 national championships

“We lose games because of lack of good judgement both on the field and off. A player who is doing poorly in school can cost us a game. If you have the **right thoughts, habits, and priorities** – which in once sense is the definition of character – if they can do those things here, they can do them anywhere.”

- Nick Saban

Next steps...



1. Read and review the attachments that were emailed out
2. Introduce **yourself** to your team's coaches and assistants as well as the directors
3. If you want to **get involved**, just do it. Reach out to one of the directors or coordinators... If you know of a business that may want to donate, please reach out to Erica/Sam (or input info in survey)
4. Get your athlete a completed [physical](#)¹ from your doctor and upload to SportsEngine prior to our first game
5. Be the fan that everyone wants to be! Be the **positive and encouraging** force for everyone of one of our student athletes

Upcoming dates

- 5/26, 5/30, 5/31 Blue Jay FB uniform try on (Joe's email)
 - Raffle ticket & practice pack \$ due
- **TBD** Blue Jay Cheer uniform try on
 - Raffle ticket & practice pack \$ due
- 6/3 Tim Shaw Football camp free (at Clarenceville HS)
 - 6/20 & 6/21 (2023) Franklin's Football camp \$25 from 9am - 11:30am ([link](#))
- **TBD** (2023) three-day FB camp (optional) from 6:00pm - 7:30pm (at Grant Elementary)
- **6/26** Cheer Camp
- 8/7, 8/8, 8/9 (2023) start of practice², but no pads
- 8/10 (2023) start of practice with pads
- **TBD**, raffle 5pm-8pm (can bring stubs to Bentley)
- Picture day is **TBD** at time TBD at Grant Elementary / Mies Park (more info coming soon)

1. Physicals are required prior to the season starting. They must be dated after April 15th and must be received prior to first game
2. Practice schedules and times are subject to change pending Head Coach's plan for season and inclement weather. Head coach will communicate with parents closer to the start of practice/games and throughout the season



**We are looking forward to a
great year!!!**

Go Blue Jays!

2023 Cost information



Football registration:

- \$300 – tackle
- \$200 – flag

Football practice / sport pack¹:

- \$100 – all squads and includes practice jersey and reversible game jersey (athletes get to keep)

Fundraiser (mandatory)¹:

- Raffle tickets are: \$100 for a single athlete or \$200 for multiple athletes within a family (football or cheer)

Other gear needed prior to 1st practice:

- *Girdle (tackle only),*
- *Mouth guard w/ strap (all),*
- *Water bottle / jug (all),*
- *Cup and cup underwear (all)*
- *Cleats (black preferred, next option is blue / white)*

Cheer registration:

- \$150 – all squads

Cheer practice / sport pack¹:

- \$200 – all squads and includes lots of gear the girls need to cheer for the season

Fundraiser (mandatory)¹:

- Raffle tickets are: \$100 for a single athlete or \$200 max for multiple athletes within a family (football or cheer)

Optional: At FB uniform try-on, families can pre-order Champro \$22 girdle and / or \$25 sleeveless padded compression shirt

1. Practice/sport pack and fundraiser money is due at uniform try-ons (May / June) and must be collected to receive your athlete's uniform

Note: throughout the season, there may be additional expenses that arise; we do our best to communicate in advance and minimize the expenses for our families

“Any **Blue Jay football** athlete
can wear any color cleats they want...
as long as they are black, white or blue”
- Henry Ford



Football practice and game day info



Football practice info:

- Parents must be 50ft from practice field

Timely pick up

- Please be at practice 15 minutes prior to the end of practice

Inclement weather

- If the weather looks bad....stay close !!!
- In cases of extreme heat, the Blue Jays will follow the lead of the Franklin High School Athletic Department's Heat and Humidity Policy
- If practice is cancelled, a "Remind" text and Facebook post will provide notification

Football Game day info (Saturday / Sunday):

Typical Arrival and Game Start Times:

- Flag arrival, 8:00 am;
game time, 9:00 am
- Freshman arrival, 9:30 am;
game time, 11:00 am
- JV arrival, 11:30 am;
game time, 1:00 pm
- Varsity arrival, 1:30 pm;
game time, 3:00 pm

This is subject to change. Some non-Livonia teams have different start times

As of 5/19/23, game times are TBD

Football & Cheer policy on missing practice



Absences: Excused vs. Unexcused

Example:

- Catechism = Excused
- Didn't feel like practicing = Unexcused

If your child will miss practice/game, contact your head coach to let them know

- *Unexcused absences will result in loss of playing time in the next game*
 - SMYFA rules: any otherwise eligible player having two (2) unexcused absences from practices during a game week shall be held out for 1st half of that week's game. Any otherwise eligible player having three (3) or more unexcused absences from practice during a game week shall not participate in that week's game. Each Unit shall have the right to grant the Head Coach for any Team in a Unit the discretion to limit the playing time of any player who has missed more than two (2) or more practices in any given week, based on considerations for player(s) safety.

Communications



Website

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SignUp Genius App

- Volunteer spot signup



Remind App



- Notifications

(See email attachment for details)

Huddle Notes

- Posted Wednesday evening
- Review past and future events

2023 Contact info (call/text/email)

As of 5/19/23, still confirming cheer for 2023 season

Directors:

- Joe Hosking (Unit DIR FB JV)
 - 248-882-3982
 - william.hosking@gmail.com
- Kendra Sroka (FB Varsity)
 - 313-268-7926
 - kparylite@aol.com
- Hans Heiman (FB JV)
 - 734-664-1267
 - hheiman@ltu.edu
- Josh Kirk (FB Freshman)
 - 734-649-1352
 - joshkirk37@yahoo.com
- Shawn Hawkins (FB Flag)
 - 248-755-0021
 - s81hawkins@gmail.com
- Pam Milewsky (Cheer)
 - 734-890-0091
 - prmilewsky@gmail.com
- Jaclyn Sanchez (Cheer)
 - 313-999-8447
 - jaclyn0913@aol.com

Head Coaches Football:

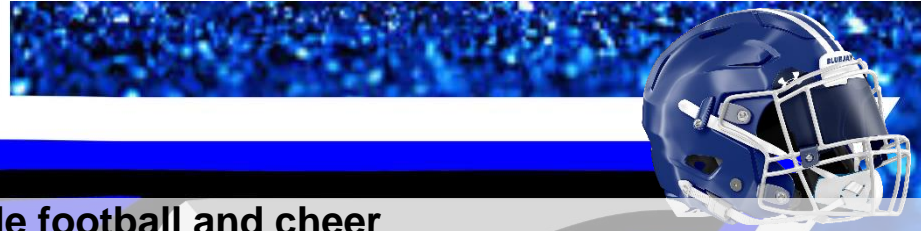
- Mike Allam (FB Varsity)
 - 734-837-7486
 - michaelallam@yahoo.com
- Jon Reid (FB JV)
 - 734-658-8437
 - Reidjon18@yahoo.com
- Nick Dedeluk (FB Freshman)
 - 734-788-1561
 - ndedeluk19@gmail.com
- Matt Rigley (FB Flag)
 - 313-610-9818
 - matr217@yahoo.com

Fun-raising coordinators:

- Amanda Wilcox
 - 989-501-0828
 - karenwilcox92@yahoo.com
- Amanda Lenart
 - 313-805-1632
 - amandacarter2925@gmail.com

Head Coaches Cheer:

- Pam Milewsky (CR Varsity)
 - 734-890-0091
- Reilly Robinson (CR Varsity)
 - 734-751-5931
- Crystal Janashousky (CR JV)
 - 313-728-2882
- Paige Hauck (CR JV)
 - 734-431-7598
- Autumn Bynum (CR Freshman)
 - 734-664-4910
- Brandy Patyna (CR Freshman)
 - 248-991-2554
- Aneilia Arban (CR Flag)
 - 586-339-7543
- Taylor Schemanske (CR Flag)
 - 734-309-2473



2023

SCHEDULE

2023 Schedule football and cheer

Aug. 19 (Bentley) 3-way scrimmage vs other Livonia teams

Aug. 26 (away) **Blue Jays** @ Northville Stallions

Sept. 9 (away) **Blue Jays** @ Northville Colts

Sept. 17 (away) **Blue Jays** @ Commerce Chargers (night game)

Sept. 24 (home) Redford Eagles @ **Blue Jays**

Sept. 30 (home) Livonia Falcons @ **Blue Jays** (Family Day)

Oct. 7 (home) **Blue Jays** @ Livonia Orioles

Oct. 15 (home) Novi Bobcats @ **Blue Jays** (Pink Out)

Oct. 21/22 Playoffs / Consolation

Oct. 28 CHEERFEST

Oct. 29 SMYFA Semi-finals

Nov. 5 SMYFA Championship

Nov. 12 **Blue Jays** Year-End Banquet

