

# **MAPLE GROVE BOYS LACROSSE PARENT MEETING**

**January 14, 2026**



# AGENDA

- INTRODUCTIONS
- HEAD COACH – Coach Jeff Olson
  - INTRODUCTION
  - TEAM PLACEMENT/TRYOUTS
- FINANCIALS, FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS
- SEASON OVERVIEW
- APPAREL

# BOARD MEMBERS

- HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR – Matt Thompson

- TREASURER – Michael Berry

- SECRETARY – Patrick Lewis

- DIRECTOR OF LAX  
OPS/EQUIPMENT MGR – Kelley Parker

- PRESIDENT – Brett Meline

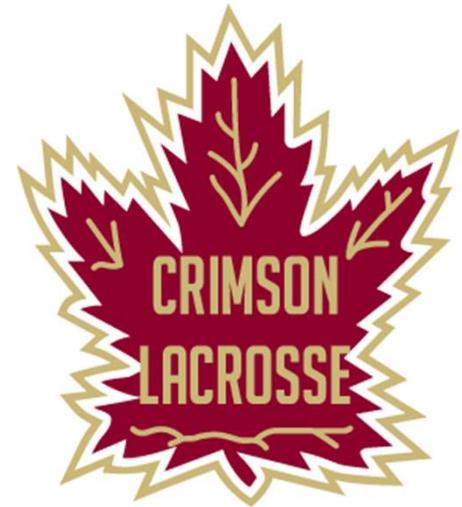
Need for Succession Planning/Job  
Shadow

- WEBMASTER- Karl Jensen
- CONCESSION STAND MGR – Lisa Jost & Jessie Knutson
- REGISTAR – Amy Sauter
- DIBS – Andrea Cherney
- FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS – Timi Kelly & Mandi Murch
- SOCIAL MEDIA - Kim Conrad
- Youth Liaison-Becky Berg

\*Indicates Board Members Rolling Off or Open

# HEAD COACH – Jeff Olson

- Introduction of Coaches
- Tryout Expectations - Start March 30
- Team Formation
- Team/Player/Parent Expectations
- Schedule & Practice Outlook



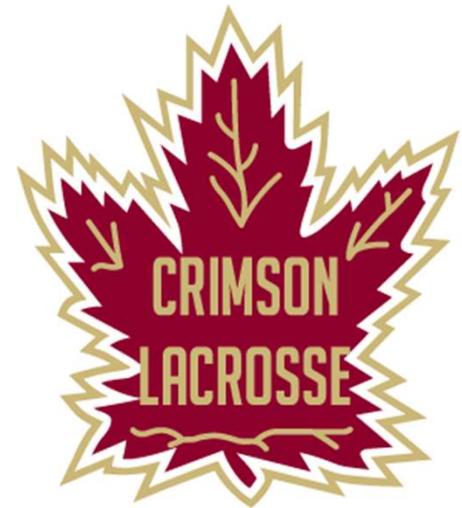
# **COACHING STAFF-Varsity**

- **Jeff Olson – Head Coach**
- **Joe Weichert – Assistant Coach – Defense**
- **Jared Johnson – Assistant Coach – Offence**
- **Grant Herschberger – Assistance Coach - Bench**

# **COACHING STAFF - JV**

- Jack Dugan – Head Coach
- David Bauer – Assistant Coach

# Players exit with Assistance Coaches



# HEAD COACH – Program Vision

- 3 year plan
- Establish coaching consistency
- Pass along knowledge from the best (Joe)
- Succession planning - Mentor assistant coaches to become future head coaches
- Foster youth programs

# Expectations

## MG Lacrosse – Player Expectations

- We are building young men, not just lacrosse players. Character, discipline, and accountability matter.
- Lacrosse is the #1 priority during the season. Practices, games, and team events come first.
- Attendance is mandatory. Be at every practice, game, and meeting.
- Players are responsible for communication. Manage work, school, and conflicts early and directly.
- Academics matter. Plan homework and studying around practice—not instead of it.
- Jobs must work around lacrosse, not the other way around.
- Effort, attitude, and coachability are non-negotiable.
- Represent the program the right way on and off the field.
- Accountability applies to everyone. Roles and playing time are earned.

# Tryouts 2026

1. Politics are NOT involved on this team...PERIOD
2. The best player according to coaching staff will play, plain and simple.
3. We make the decision as a **group** (COACHES)!

March 30-March 31, Maple Grove HS Stadium

What to expect as a player?

- Individual positional, odd man and even situations, 1v1's, Scrimmage
- Team announced Tuesday night after tryouts and coaches meeting

## **Respect!!!**

*There will be a ZERO tolerance rule on this team for disrespecting your fellow teammate. Any hazing, harassing, teasing, racism, physical altercations, stealing, degrading or any form of discrimination...PERIOD.*

*This goes for any action against an opposing player/coach/referee as well.*



# Parent Expectation

- Trust the coaches to do the coaching.
- We'll handle all interactions with referees.
- Please allow 24 hours before contacting coaches with concerns.
- Let's make this a positive, memorable season for everyone!

# Practice

- 6:30pm-8:30pm M-F, MGHS Stadium
- Practice starts at 6:30pm, warm ups at 6:15pm

10-11:30am Saturdays

# Game Schedule 2026

4/16- Hopkins

4/20- @ Andover

4/21- @ Eden Prairie

4/22 - Mahtomedi

4/24- Rochester

4/28- @ Edina

4/30 - @ Edina

TBD- @ Duluth

5/5- Wayzata

5/7- @ Minnetonka

5/14- Buffalo

5/16 @ East Ridge

# Captains Practice 2026

- Builds conditioning and game readiness before the season begins
- Helps players gel as a team and develop chemistry early
- Sets expectations for effort, tempo, and accountability
- Allows players to knock off rust and sharpen skills before tryouts
- Gives coaches an early look at work ethic, attitude, and commitment
- Prepares players to compete with confidence when tryouts begin

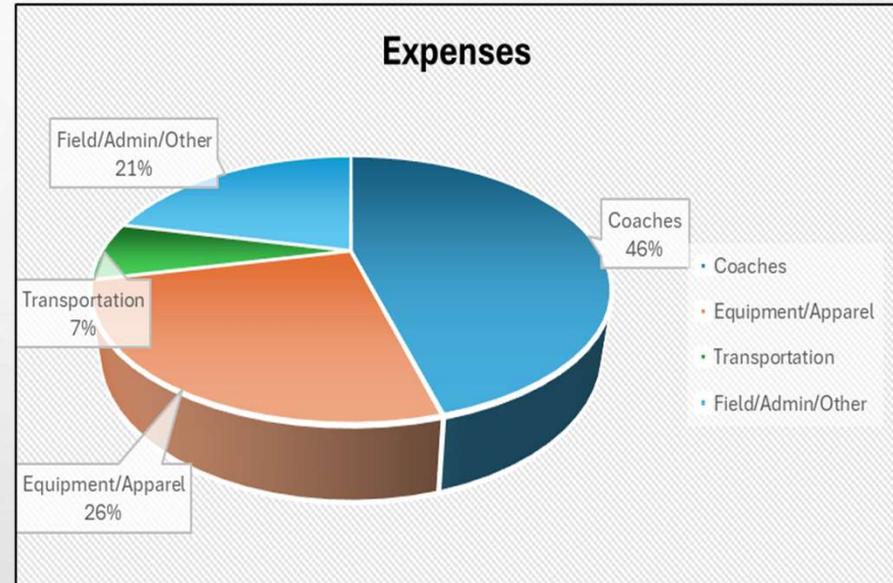
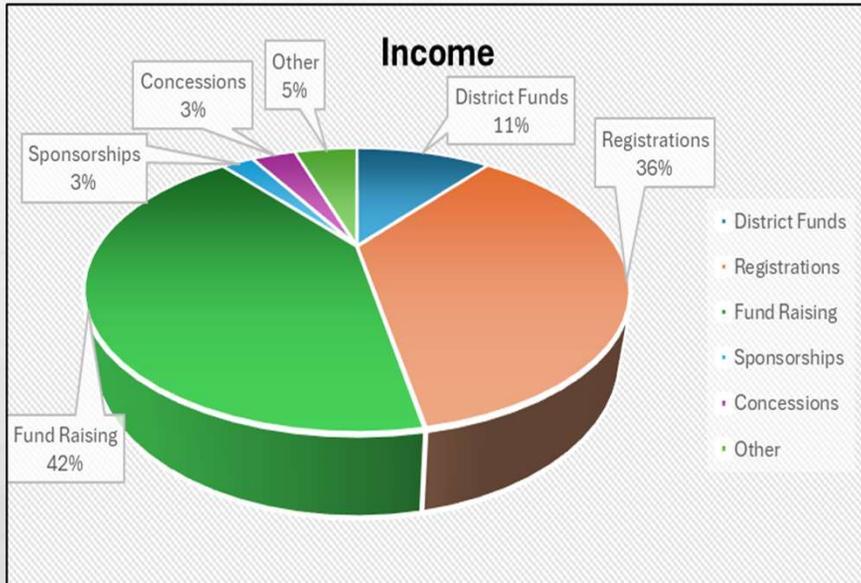
# Captains 2026

## Current Captains

- Josh Thompson
- Grant Jensen
- Charlie Parker

# **FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

# PROGRAM INCOME & EXPENSE



**Total Program Cost = Approx \$70k annually**  
**District to fund approx. \$7,700 in 2026**  
**Approximate cost per player = \$1,000**

# FUNDRAISING

- WATER SOFTENER SALT SALE – Fall 2026  
\$300 Fundraiser Requirement
- CUB FOODS BAGGING – As of right now, scheduled for April 12 (we are exploring other options)
- Chanticlear'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Feb 22
  - -10 tickets (\$10 per ticket) will need to be sold by each player-\$100 pre-payment required
- RESTAURANT NIGHTS – during season

\*\*Expectation is that all players participate in fundraisers.

# SPONSORSHIPS

- LEVELS OFFERED

- WHITE: Name on MGLAX website
- BLACK: Link to business from MGLAX website, business name in season program
- CRIMSON: Season only vinyl sign
- GOLD: Year-round stadium sign

# **2026 SEASON OVERVIEW**

# REGISTRATION

- ISD 279 REGISTRATION (through EduTrak): OPEN February 1st - February 14th
  - Log into EduTrak > Sports > Register > MG Boys Lax
  - Updated physical must be on file with ISD 279 every 3 years. EduTrak will not let you complete your registration if there is not a current physical on file.
  - Fee paid through EduTrak to ISD 279 = \$190
- MG LAX BOOSTER: DUE February 14th
  - Complete Google Form with additional registration information (this form will be emailed out)
  - Venmo \$375 to @Jessica-Knutson-12

# COMMUNICATIONS

- EMAIL:
  - Matt Thompson is keeping an Excel file for now
  - Verify & update your Sport Engine email addresses – YOU CAN HAVE MULTIPLE EMAILS
  - Registration is done through Sports Engine
- PLAYER GROUP CHAT - new players submit cell phone to captains
- SOCIAL MEDIA:
  - High School Boys LAX website - [HS.MGLAX.NET](http://HS.MGLAX.NET)
  - Follow us at X/Twitter: @MGCRIMSONLAX, Facebook: @Maple Grove Crimson Lacrosse and Instagram: @maplegrovecrimsonlax
- LAKE CONFERENCE:
  - Go to [lakeconference.org](http://lakeconference.org) - App available in App store called Activity Scheduler

# VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

- 10 DIBS Hours required if 1 player, 15 hours if multiple players
- \$300 Deposit Check – Only cashed if DIBS not completed
- Opportunities for Varsity & JV / **Home Games Only**
  - Field Penalty Timer – Sit with Field Attendant to track and release players from the penalty area
  - Field Attendant – Maintain game balls on field, set up & take down of field equipment (cones, tables, chairs, etc.) Sit at the field table.
  - Scoreboard-Run the Scoreboard from the press box
  - Spotter (Varsity only)- sit in the press box with the Scoreboard person and Announcer and help verify player numbers for goals, assists and penalties
  - Concession Stand
- Opportunities to meet 100% of DIBS requirement
  - Photographer-take pictures of JV games (will need their own camera)
  - Announcer – Use PA system to announce, play music & national anthem in press box. An Announcer will be needed for JV and Varsity.
- Other Opportunities
  - Pancake Breakfast
  - Salt Pickup
  - Cub Bagging
  - Special Olympics
  - Dome Practice Chaperone

# EQUIPMENT

- ASSOCIATION PROVIDES: Uniforms, Off Season Game Pinnies, Bags, Gloves & Team Apparel
- ALL ITEMS (EXCEPT TEAM APPAREL) ARE RECYCLED
  - Must be returned at season end
  - **\$500** DEPOSIT – Not cashed unless items are missing
    - Covers the total package (Bag, 2 sets of uniforms, gloves & off season game jersey)
    - Lost items that can not be replaced renders the entire package useless due to custom numbering
  - New Uniforms this year!
- HELMETS:
  - Helmets will be handed out to new players and players that have been playing for 3+ years.
  - Final cost is TBD based on meeting or exceeding sponsorship & fundraising goals (More earned in fundraising activities, less players pay for helmet. Goal is zero cost to player, max cost is \$200 per player)

# APPAREL

- SPIRIT WEAR/APPAREL WINDOW
  - Open soon for Spring orders. Watch for info on the Website & Social Media
- PLAYER APPAREL PACKAGE~ Will be issued at time of equipment/uniform disbursement
- 2 short sleeve shooter t-shirt & shorts. Apparel Window will offer same clothing for those that want to buy extra items
- Two short sleeves t-shirts will be used as game day shirts required under the jersey

# DEPOSIT & FORMS COLLECTION

- DATE: First week of tryouts, times and location TBD
- ITEMS TO BRING:
  - 2 Separate Checks made out to MGLAX (1 - equipment \$500, 2 - DIBS \$300)
  - Equipment form
  - Player Contract (if not already submitted)

**QUESTIONS?**