

2024 Thunder Football Player / Parent Meeting

Tuesday, August 6th 7:00 PM

<http://www.zimmermanfootball.com>



EVERYTHING COVERED TONIGHT IS ON WEBSITE

- Parents Tab - Fall Meeting Documents
- Slideshow
- In-season calendar
- Champions Manual and Champions Manual
Parent Questions
- Meal Payment (10th – 12th Grade)
- Individual Sponsorship Form
- Meet the Thunder Flyer
- **Be sure your email is correct to receive email
blasts - Player & Parent Remind Groups**

Program Foundation

- **Relationships** – Want all members of the program to feel valued – treat people the right way.
- **Parents** – Our coaching staff realizes we are dealing with the most important thing in your life and we do not take that responsibility lightly.

The goal of the coaching staff is to build a culture of success, positivity, accountability, and love.

- Build people of character and virtue
- Build relationships based on trust
- Learn the value of great preparation
- Emphasize the value of everyone



ZIMMERMAN THUNDER FOOTBALL 2024 MOUNT UP



MISSION STATEMENT

We will stand together as a brotherhood fully locked and loaded showing no mercy for the enemies we encounter on the battlefield.

THUNDER WINNING EDGE

ENERGY	DISCIPLINE	GRIT	EXECUTION
Bring the Juice!	Be a 10 Percenter	Empty the Tank	Details Matter
All Gas. No Brakes	Physically & Mentally	Stay Hungry	Finish Fierce
4 to 6 / A to B	Do Your Job	Always Compete	All II
Finish EVERYTHING	110% - 100% of the Time	No Mercy	Be Relentless



LEADERS create **CULTURE** which drives **BEHAVIORS** that produce **RESULTS**



Bad teams...no one leads
Average teams...coaches lead
ELITE TEAMS...PLAYERS LEAD



We will be ruthless in our attempt to eliminate BCD.

2024 Goals

- Have fun and do right
- Become the best football team we can
- Represent Zimmerman as best we can.
- Have each player take things from our program that will help later in life.
- We are process orientated. Do things the right way and wins will take care of themselves.
- Will not know for at least 10 years whether this season was a success or not.

Player Evaluation

The Zimmerman Football Coaching staff evaluates players on the following:

1. Performance - practices and games are filmed and analyzed.
2. Attitude
3. Effort
4. Character – players we trust

The players determine who plays by how they are evaluated in these four categories.

Parent/Coach Communication

1st - Player/Position Coach talk

2nd - Player/Head Coach talk

3rd - Player and Parent meet with Head Coach and Position Coach

Coaches are approachable, we want your sons to learn to become advocates for themselves

Coaches will not discuss playing time or game strategy with parents. These will be decisions made by the Zimmerman coaching staff. There is a 24 hour rule following conclusions of games.

Communication

Website: <http://zimmermanfootball.com>

Email Blasts: Parents – we need your current email – check at grade level table

Twitter: Follow team @ZHStThunderFB and/or me @CoachKish

Hudl: Game/practice film video system

Remind App: Parent Group - @f4ceef
Player Group - @ba9f4g

Rscool: <http://www.mississippi8.org> click on Zimmerman

My phone numbers and email are in Champion's Manual

9th Grade Parents contact Coach Pelot for day to day issues.

Social Media

- 1. Assume Nothing is Private:** This includes direct messaging. If you write it, you own it.
- 2. Remember that your audience is vast:** You have no idea who will ever see what you write on the internet. Anyone from your best friend on the team, to your head coach, to players from our biggest rivals, to your teachers can see what you post. Your microphone to the world is right at your fingertips. Be wise.
- 3. Never Post Pictures from the Locker Room**
- 4. Complaining** about your coaches or teammates will not solve anything. Talk to them directly to solve problems to make yourself and team better.
- 5. Do not talk negatively about your opponents** – do not trash talk. Be classy and stay away from giving our opponents locker room material.
- 6.** If you **retweet** something, you agree with it.
- 7. Do not discuss injuries:** Either yours or any of your teammates.
- 8. Play with your pads and skills, not your mouth and your fingers on the keyboard!!**

Student-athletes who violate the Zimmerman High School Football Program Social Media Policy may result in disciplinary action – including temporary or permanent suspension from the team – as determined by Athletic Director and Head Coach

Appointments / School Work

- Please make proper arrangements so players do not miss practice due to doctor, dentist, orthodontist, or behind the wheel appointments if at all possible.

School Work – missing practice to make up a test or other work is not acceptable – take care of it before school. Stay on top of your studies so this doesn't become an issue. We will do formal grade checks the end of September.

College Coaches – Question #1 What is GPA?
Question #2 What is ACT score?

School Attendance Policy

- Cannot participate in game or practice if you miss any portion of the school day with an unexcused absence.
- You must attend at least $\frac{1}{2}$ the school day in order to participate in game or practice. Are some exceptions, but they must be pre-approved by activities office.
- You cannot leave the building during Thunder Time or lunch.

Policies and Procedures

- **Be Familiar with:**

Uniform Care – **PLEASE Soak & Air Dry!**

New Navy Jerseys were \$135 each

Football Equipment / Policy

School Attendance

Refund Policy

Player Removal Policy

Practice Policies

MSHSL Policy

Playing Time at all levels

Lettering Policy

ISD 728 Eligibility Requirements

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

- In order to participate you must have these 3 things taken care of:
 1. Valid physical
 2. Fees must be paid - free/reduced lunch policy - communicate with activities office
 3. All paperwork must be in (online).

Register online at <http://www.isd728.org/zhs>

Click on activities tab and follow instructions.

Staying Healthy

- All players will experience some bumps and bruises throughout the course of the season.
- If you have had nagging injuries in the past do not wait until it starts to bother you again to start receiving treatment. Be proactive in taking care of your body
- Follow trainers instructions
- If you need to see the trainer prior to practice arrive early.

Player Safety

- Spend over \$10,000 annually on new helmets, shoulders pads, Guardian Caps, and helmet reconditioning. 75% of our helmets are 5 years old or less.
- Baseline testing
 - All players wear Guardian Caps during practice
- Teach proper tackling techniques and reinforce those techniques throughout the season.

Calendar

- Preseason Schedule
- Labor Day Weekend
 - Mondays
 - MEA Weekend
- Practices – End times on calendar are approximate
- Open House Night 8/28

Mom Mixer

- Tuesday August 13th at 6:00 PM Cafeteria
- Food and beverage will be provided
- Chance to meet and catch up with other Moms
- Mom's and players this year.

FOOTBALL

Dad's Night

- Wednesday October 16th vs. Big Lake
- Starts at 4:45 PM – Coach Kish's classroom
- Coaches will go over offensive and defensive game plans as well as give Dad's a few things to look for during the game.
- Team pregame meeting
- Dad's are invited to be on the field during warm-ups.

FOOTBALL

Meet the Thunder Night

- Monday August 19th starting at 4:00 PM on game field
- Handout with details is on website and at tables
- Pictures with Dustin Hoeppe
- First chance to get a look at the 2024 team
- **Parent/Player pictures are at 6:00 PM in South End Zone at the Helmet Tunnel**

Preseason Scrimmage

- 3 team scrimmage on Saturday August 24th at ZHS. (Big Lake HS / Cambridge-Isanti HS)
- Scrimmage that starts at 9:30 AM, concludes prior to noon
- All teams scrimmage (9th, JV, Varsity)
- Player meetings start at 8:30 am
- Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend

Thunder QB Club

- **Next meeting is August 25th in Coach Kish's classroom at 7 pm (enter through door 9)**
- The Thunder Quarterback Club is an organization comprised of parents, businesses and supporters of the Zimmerman High School Football Program. The Thunder Quarterback club's mission is to help raise the funds necessary to provide our coaches and players with the resources needed to be a competitive force within our conference, as well as helping our players experience the best that high school football has to offer. The club accomplishes these goals through the continuing support of our community and the parents, friends, and relatives of the Thunder players and coaches

Thunder QB Club

Upcoming Events:

- Meet the Thunder night/ team photos
- Youth Night (September 6th)
- Homecoming events
- Homecoming (September 13th vs Columbia Heights)
- Tackle Cancer (September 20th at Princeton)
- Senior Night (Oct 16th)
- Post-game Parties
- Banquet
- Away game meals – **Need 10th/11th grade parents to help**
- Need volunteers for various events such a game workers.
- 9th grade and JV chain gangs for home games.

QB Club Thunder Cards

- Blitz night on Monday, **August 12th** from 6:00-8:00 PM
- Great incentives, see handout for details

Discount card pays for the following:

Weekly Award Footballs, Highlight Film, Senior Footballs, Banquet Awards, Award T-Shirts, Team Dinners, 2 additional coaches, Technology, pizza party after 2-a-days, and more!

Our goal is to sell 1200 cards $1200 \times 25 = \$30,000$

Leading Edge Fundraiser

- Wednesday August 14th from 2:30 - 4:00 pm
- Players at team camp set up accounts
- Ask all players to enter phone numbers from 25 contacts who may have interest in donating into their accounts
- Players are going to be placed into small teams and compete during an hour long blitz
- Great rewards/incentives

QB Club Individual Sponsorships

- \$50 per person / \$90 per couple
- Receive a pass for all regular season home games, long sleeve Thunder football t-shirt, and recognition in game-day program
- Form is up front and needs to be submitted by Meet the Thunder night so we can have shirts and passes ready for first game.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday August 17th from 8 am - 11 am

ZBG

\$10 (does not include drink)

We keep 100% of food sales

traditional pancake breakfast - all you can eat

FOOTBALL

In-Season Meals

All Varsity players will be provided a meal each Monday during the season, dinner on day prior to games, and subs following all away games. We are requesting each player pay \$80 to cover this cost. Please pay on our team website by August 31st.

Volunteering

Please stop by the table and sign up to help with events that fit your skillset.

9th grade parents, we need your help with concessions

Sign up here or on our website in the Dibs section.

Game Filmers

In need to 2 dependable people interested in filming our varsity games this season.

Need to commit to being at all games.

Pay \$35 per game.

Will train you. Need to be at least 15. Can ride team bus to game and back if needed.

Final Reminders

- Questions, do not hesitate to ask. Lots of information covered tonight!
- Get all registration requirements taken care of by this Thursday
- See players August 12th, 8 AM in the varsity hallway

FOOTBALL