



## Welcome to Grand Blanc Youth Football and Cheerleading!

We are a member of the Mid-Michigan Rural Football League (MMRFL), representing the Grand Blanc area. Our mission is to offer a league-based tackle football program to players age 8 through 12, with emphasis on instruction, safety, and fun. We also offer a full cheerleading program.

**How will parents receive information?** You will primarily receive information from your child's coach; however, email and the program website [www.grandblancyouthfootball.com](http://www.grandblancyouthfootball.com) will also be used regularly to disperse information throughout the season, especially prior to team placement. If you do not have an email address, please inform any of the GBYF Board so you don't miss important information.

### Upcoming events and Important Dates:

- **July 29** Parent Meeting at Genesys Athletic Club (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm ) **MANDATORY!**
- **August 11** Practice Begins Tuesday night both Football Players and Cheerleaders!
- **October 25** Season Banquet

**Where will practice be held?** In the Grand Blanc community – exact location TBD.

**When will practice be held?** All football teams will practice at the same time and location. Football practice will typically be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 5:30pm to 7:30.

**NOTE:** Cheerleading practice will be held twice a week – also starting at 5:30p.m. ending at 7:00. **Tuesdays/Thursdays Only.** Same location as Football Players.

**Where will games be held?** Home games will be held at a location TBD, announced at Parents Meeting on July 29th. Away game locations will be communicated prior to the start of the season.

**How long is the season and how many games?** The season starts Aug 11<sup>th</sup> and ends with the last game Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. Games are scheduled for Saturdays starting September 12<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. Each team will play 6 games with 1 “bye-week”, there will be 3 home and 3 away games. Games times are 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm, with each team playing one game, each Saturday.

**When will we get a game schedule?** Exact game schedules will NOT be available until the week of September 5th.

**Will there be fund raising?** There will be a fund-raising effort throughout the season that includes concession sales at home games and other sales. Local businesses can also sponsor the Grand Blanc Youth Football program. Refer to the program website for more information.

**Do we need coaches and other volunteers?** Yes!!! This is a volunteer based program so it cannot exist without parental support. Volunteers are needed to assist coach both football and cheerleading. We are also in need of parents willing work with the teams, work at the concession stand during games, act as the P.A. announcer during home games, help with Spirit-wear, fundraising, homecoming parade, pictures, video, and “chain gang” on the field. Each football team will also need an “On-field Player Coordinator” to assist coaches during the games. Please contact any board-member for a list of needed volunteers.

We're glad you selected this program for your child's football or cheerleading experience. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact a board member or visit the program website, [www.GrandBlancYouthFootball.com](http://www.GrandBlancYouthFootball.com). You can also visit the MMRFL site at [www.MMRFL.com](http://www.MMRFL.com)

**Can I attend Board Meetings?** Yes, we meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at Damon's Restaurant at 6:30 pm. Please visit the website's calendar with updates.

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