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New Board in Place for 2010!

While many of you may not yet be in football mode, the new Board of Directors has already begun making plans for the 2010 season. The November meeting elections resulted in election of three first-time directors, Kerry Grintz, Dave Calvaresi, Malik Feamster, as well as the re-election of Neil Jacobs and Matt Milano. Directors fulfilling the second year of their terms include Eric Howe, Joe Petrillo, Lee Lucas-Murphy, Joe Umberger, and Craig Regitz. The arrival of new directors signifies the end of service on the board for other dedicated members of our organization. The association has benefited greatly from the service of Charlie Rafferty, Ed McNulty, and Bill Hess. Their dedication to the organization is recognized and very much appreciated.

One of the new board's first actions was to fill the appointed positions. Bill Latorre will be the Director of Football. The two tackle football commissioners will be Lee Lucas-Murphy (non-competitive) and Bill Weber (competitive). Stacey Davis will be the Director of Operations. We are still seeking a Director of Cheer for this season.

Before we look forward to this season, however, let us pause and reflect upon last year. Marsh Creek fielded 4 cheerleader squads, 9 flag football teams, and 16 tackle teams during the 2009 season. Our tackle football teams were very competitive in the Bux-Mont league last season at all levels. At the competitive level, 6 out of 9 teams made the playoffs and 3 teams won Championships.

Off the field, Marsh Creek had exceptional performance in the Pop Warner Little Scholars program. Marsh Creek had 298 football players/cheerleaders who were in 4th grade or above and were eligible to receive the scholar/athlete award if they met the grade requirements. Of those 298 athletes, we were able to hand out 293 Scholar/Athlete Awards! Pop Warner also has an All-American Scholar Program, which assesses academic performance, honors received, as well as non-athletic activities. Marsh Creek had 4 student athletes earn this prestigious honor! We are very excited about the on-the-field and off-the-field success of our program and look forward to a continuance of both in 2010.

With the new year come new challenges, but also the promise of greater rewards. As mentioned at our annual meeting, one big challenge this year will be our move to the new Fellowship Fields. The new fields will deliver more playing space and permanent lights. As you might imagine, this transition is no small endeavor for our organization. The Board of Directors is busy developing a transition plan in partnership with the Township and the Bux-Mont League. Many questions about the transition remain (e.g. snack bar, equipment storage, field equipment). Further communications (and requests for help!) will be forthcoming. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the newsletter and we look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming registration dates.

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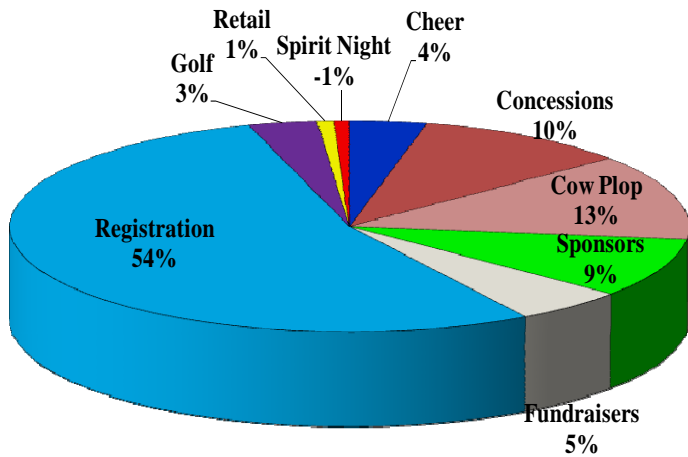
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Pop Warner Little Scholars Program

Many of you may be wondering about the Pop Warner Little Scholars Program. Pop Warner is an organization that has strong beliefs in providing kids with academic values. Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. (PWLS) is the only national youth sports organization in America that requires its participants to perform adequately in the classroom before permitting them to play. We believe that the standards we have set give children a sense of responsibility and an appreciation for academics and athletics that will help them develop later on in life.

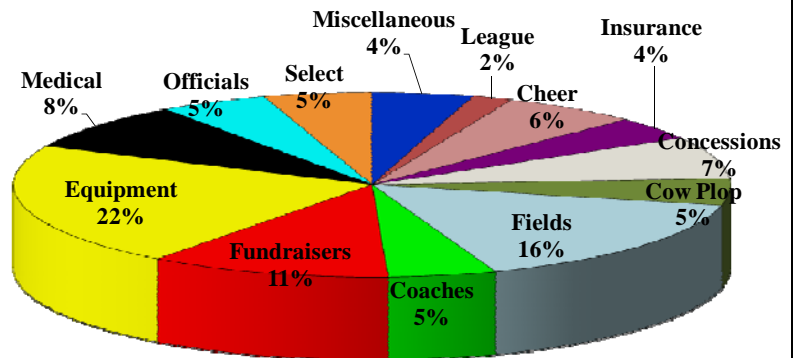
Before the season starts, each player/cheerleader is to hand in their report card from the previous year. Each participant that has completed 3rd grade and above is eligible to receive the Scholar/Athlete Award. To receive this award, they have to have a grade point average of 80%/B or above. Now not all of the schools in the area have a grading scale that is based on either a % scale or an A, B, C letter grade scale. The Bux-Mont has taken all of the other grading scales used by the schools in the area and provided a conversion chart, so that these grades can be converted to the % scale.

Pop Warner also has an All-American Scholar Program. To be eligible to apply for the All-American Scholar Program, students must be in 5th grade or above and have a GPA of 96% or above. The students must fill out an application, which is reviewed by the Bux-Mont League. These applications have the students list their grades and any honors they have received, as well as non-athletic activities. These applications are then reviewed by the Bux-Mont Scholastic Directors to determine who should be awarded the prestigious title of All-American Scholar. Students presented with this award are invited to an All-American Scholar Banquet in January, in which they are presented with their award.



2009 Ordinary Income

2009 Operating Expenses



Head Coaches: Applications Due by March 1

Applications for head coaches, at all levels of the tackle program, should be sent to our general mailbox any time between now and March 1, 2010. They can also be hand-delivered to our director of football (Bill Latorre) or either of our tackle commissioners (Lee Lucas-Murphy / Bill Weber.)

We expect to have at least 16 tackle teams at 6 different weight levels. Normally, our coaching staffs consist of at least 5 coaches, so we need to hear from at least 80 parents that would be willing to step forward and lead our kids as assistant coaches as well. Applications for assistant coaching positions are not due by March 1, but are welcome as soon as they are ready. If you have them – send them in. If you have questions, please contact Bill Latorre, Bill Weber or Lee Lucas-Murphy.

2010 Football Registration

Registration Dates:

Feb 20 & Feb 27 at the Palace Bowling Center, **March 24** at the Winner's Circle in Exton. See our '**Calendar of Events**' on page 6.

Registration for flag football

is open to all 5&6 year old children, as of July 31, 2010. The registration form is available at our website and the cost this year is **\$60**. All interested players and parent coaches should register by mail, with check for payment.

2010 Registration Fees

Tackle: \$225

Flag: \$60

Cheerleading: \$160

Family Maximum: \$450

Reminder about forms:

All physical forms are due no later than July 31st. If you participated last year, most likely we have your birth certificate on file. When school dismisses for summer vacation this year, we will need **three** copies of your child's **end-of-year** report card for the **2009-2010** school year. This must be the final report card showing **all** marking periods for the year. These report cards must be copied and/or reduced to letter-size paper (double-sided if needed). **Only** paperwork prepared in this format can be accepted.

About registration and roster spots:

There are limited openings at some weight levels. Our registration is on a "first come - first served" basis, which relates to jersey number selection (for tackle football players) and our criteria for any potential waitlists. For example, Bux-Mont has mandated a maximum team size of 22 players at the tiny mite (70's) level. In any of our weight levels, registrants may be waitlisted until we have enough players for another team.



Football Information

Congratulations to our 2009 teams! In our competitive levels, 6 out of 9 teams reached Bux-Mont playoffs games, with three teams winning championships!

Please follow our web page and mailings to keep updated with calendar events. They will offer strength, conditioning, and speed work throughout the spring. Head coaches will be approved at our April board meeting with preliminary teams will be selected in May. A **voluntary** pre-season conditioning clinic will be held at Hickory Park during the last two weeks of July. **Mandatory** Football practice will begin **Monday, August 2nd** with practices Monday-Friday evenings and Saturday Mornings. We will end August with our 4th annual pre-season bowl weekend.

Cheerleading Information

Congratulations to all of the 2009 Marsh Creek Eagle cheerleaders for advancing to the Eastern Region Competition. This was an amazing accomplishment for all of the girls in our organization. We would like to continue the momentum this season.

Again, this year we would like to recommend the tumbling classes at Cheer Tyme. These sessions provide the starting basis for the motions of cheer, proper jump techniques, in addition to the tumbling. This helps boost the confidence of the girls and their ability to perform. These classes are especially good for anyone that has never cheered.

Please follow our web page and mailings for cheer registration, cheer uniform sizing and other calendar events. If you are interested in our Director of Cheer position, or coaching, please contact a member of our Board of Directors as soon as soon as possible.



Volunteers Needed

The Marsh Creek Eagles are entering their 14th year. Collectively, our members and their families have built this program into one of the top youth organizations in the country. This could not have been accomplished without the volunteer efforts of **all** parents of athletes, friends, and other community members. **We thank you!**

This coming year, more than ever, we have a great need for the support of **all** parents earlier and more often. There are key positions and openings that need commitment now. Without volunteers, we may be forced to significantly raises fees and outsource functions which have historically been kept within our family. Show your support by contacting any member of our board to discuss how you can help the kids of Marsh Creek have another successful year.

Volunteer Positions Available: Currently, we are looking for help with our **Fundraising**, Snack Bar Manager and Director of Cheer. For more information on these and other positions available, visit our website at www.marshcreekeagles.org or call Craig Regitz at (610) 507-5819.

Play for Free in 2010!

Once again, we are offering a program to any family who brings in a Field Goal sponsor (\$750) or better. This can be your own family business, place of work, or a business in the community that you solicit. You will receive one tackle or cheer registration free (**this is up to a \$225 value**) per sponsor to be used personally or donated to a needy family. [Click here](#) to download the sponsorship forms from our website. If you have questions or need help with this, please contact Neil Jacobs.

Marsh Creek wants to publicly thank last year's sponsors for their tremendous support:

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Universal Restoration Systems

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Winner's Circle Sports Grille

In addition, we are now an approved organization for **United Way** and you can have your employer designate any United Way contributions you are already deducting and assign them to MCE (you can also have your work colleagues designate us).

2010 Calendar of Events

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| 2010 Football & Cheer Registration | February 20 (Sat) 9:00-12:00 Bowling Palace February 27 (Sat) 9:00-12:00 Bowling Palace March 24 (Wed) 5:00-7:30 Winner's Circle |
| Coaches Certification Clinic | Date and Location TBD |
| * This meeting is mandatory for all tackle coaches (not flag) for the 2010 season. | |
| Voluntary Conditioning Camp @ Hickory Park | July 19-30 (M-W-F) Times TBA |
| Equipment Handout | August 1 (Sunday) Times TBA Make-Up: August 3-4 (Tue/Wed) Times TBA |
| Punt, Pass & Kick | August 1 (Sunday) |
| Mandatory Football Camp | August 2-7 (Mon-Sat) Times TBA August 9-14 (Mon-Sat) Times TBA August 16-20 (Mon-Fri) Times TBA August 23-27 (Mon-Fri) Times TBA |
| Cheerleading Practice | Beginning August 2nd Flag, 70 & 80lb Squads (Tue & Thur) 6:30-7:30pm 90, 100, 115 & 130lb Squads (Tue-Thur) 6:00-8:00 |
| Flag Evaluation | August 14 th (Sat) 10:00am |
| Pre-Season Bowl Games | August 14-15 (Sat-Sun) Times TBA August 21-22 (Sat-Sun) Times TBA |
| Football Team Practice | Beginning August 23 (Mon-Fri) Times TBA |
| Opening Weekend | Tentatively Aug 28-29 (Sat-Sun) Times TBA |
| Cheerleading Practice | Beginning August 30 th Flag Squad (Thur) 6:30-7:30pm 70 & 80lb Squads (Tue & Thur) 6:00-7:00pm 90 & 100lb Squads (Tue & Thur) 5:30-7:00pm 115 & 130lb Squads (Tue & Thur) 5:00-7:00pm |
| Photographs | TBD |
| Flag Practice/Games | Mondays and Saturdays Aug 23 – Oct 30 |
| Spirit Night | September 3 (Fri) 5:00-8:00pm Raindate: September 10 (Fri) 5:00-8:00pm |
| Golf Outing | TBD |
| Oktoberfest | TBD |
| Banquet Nights | TBD |