



NORTH HUNTERDON LIONS

Yearly Newsletter

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“Respect All, Fear None”

Dear Alumni, Parents & Friends

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A Message from Head Coach Mazzetta.....

I would like to provide you with my “vision, brand and philosophy” for the future of the North Football program.



Vision: To establish a “hard hat” mentality and always compete towards a first class, exciting football program that will benefit the student body, alumni, the player’s and the community of North Hunterdon High School.

Brand: A characteristic that serves to identify a particular product
“Hard Hat mentality”

The hard hat is symbolic of a blue-collar work ethic. It’s about going out and earning success and deserving victory, whatever it is, whether it’s on the field or off the field.”



Philosophy: Competition is about doing your best. It is about striving to reach your potential; and it is about being in relentless pursuit of a competitive edge in everything you do. The North Hunterdon “philosophy” of football will be based on competing!

Belief System: Hard Work - Respect - Belief - Accountability - Enjoyment

Where do we want to go in 2014

- Change the culture
- Increase the number of participants at the high school/middle school level
- Develop leaders on and off the field
- Stay above the 500 line
- Beat Voorhees!

R-P-P

Respect-Protect-Promote
The Football Program

Follow us: <http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/athletics/fall/football/>
Twitter: @NHLionsFootball #Compete #RPP #LionsDen

Coming Events

- **May 21 7:00 pm**
Football Parent Meeting
- **June 1 12:00 - 3:00** Turf Field
Free Youth Clinic
- **June 16 4:00—7:00 pm**
Summer weight room
- **June 19 3:00—7:00 pm**
Marine Leadership program
- **June 20**
Golf Outing Tee time 9am
- **July 14 - 17 9:00 - 12:00 pm**
North Hunterdon Youth Camp
- **August 11**
Pre - season camp begins
- **August 30**
Clothing drive drop off filed house

The North Hunterdon Football Family....

Alumni: If you know someone that is a Lion football alumni, please have them email me so I can put them on the distribution list. “Together we will unite all former Lion football players”

Please check NHHS football website for future events!

Booster Club:

Club president Dina Marron

Our booster club is a representative of our athletic program to the community. The booster club is also a main resource in raising money for the football program. Events include golf outing/clothing drive/Ad booklet. If you would like to be a part of this great club please contact me or Dina Maroon.
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2013 A season In Review...

Behind the leadership of 27 seniors the North Hunterdon football program finished with a record of 6-4, just missing the playoffs and finishing with a winning record for the first time since 2002. Throughout the journey of the 2013 season, the team saw plenty of competition in the Mid State 38. Along the way the team showed a poise and determination to win every game.

The season was capped off with a thrilling 7-6 win over rival Voorhees in the 38th

annual Milk Can game

As one season ends another begins. It's time for the underclassmen to buy in and COMPETE towards building the North Hunterdon Football Program.



2013 Football Award:

Defensive Player of the year: Michael Mastrobattista

Offensive player of the year: Jordan Ditzel

Special Teams Player of the Year: Stephen Straight

Most Improved Player of the Year: Lucas Bardecker

"Robert A. Barnett" Award: Marc Monks

Hog "O" Lineman of the Year: Brandon Leonidas

Hog "D" Lineman of the Year: Tim Bartlett

Scout "O" Player of the Year: JT Kilduff

Scout "D" Player of the Year: Tim Woody

2013 JR Lions In Review...

The Future of North Hunterdon Football



The 2013 North Hunterdon Jr. Lions were able to step back from this season and see that they had accomplished many great goals. This group progressed into a great group of football players and individuals for what they learned during the year. The kids really came together to work hard and achieve several great victories this season. Notable wins this season, defeating Hunterdon Central in the "Route 31

Bowl", winning a tight game against Watchung Hills, and bringing the Jr. Milk Can back with a big win against Voorhees to wrap up the season. The team showed real strength and intelligence in being able to transition into learning the high school's offense. They all took some big strides and showed that they have a lot to show at the high school level.

Captains - Luke Wain, Erik Dehkes

MVP - Matt Busher

Offensive Player - Jake Weed

Defensive Player - Luke Wain

Lineman - Erik Dehkes

Coach's Choice - Luke Ingenito

North Hunterdon Alumni Kevin Haplea Wins NCAA Football National Title!

As the clock ticked down to zero, the reality set in of what our team had just accomplished. We were national champions, undefeated, and cemented in history as one of the best college football teams ever. With my injury I tried to be as involved as possible, helping the coaches with weekly game plans and in game adjustments on the headsets. It was amazing to be a part of a group that came together, decided they wanted to be elite, and went say that they were. Just like at any wasn't won in that moment, it was won because we trained to. When to day habits rise straight to the in the game *our habit of competing on a daily basis was something that Auburn wasn't prepared to do for a FULL game.*



out and earned the right to level, that championship won in the offseason. We pressure comes you're day surface, and with 1:16 left



Winter Weight Room Awards

175+ Weight class

SUPER IRON LION: Warren Watkins

Iron Lion: Ben Sosidka

Gold: Frank Januzzi/Kyle Straube

Green: Tyler Lardieri/Austin Wilson/Hogan Laskey

175 and Under class

Iron Lion: Brandon Kubik/Henry Schwartz

Gold: Jordan Ditzel/Kyle Busher/Rob Marron

Joe Montemurro/Josh McBriar/Wyatt Stockwell

Green: Andronicos Anastasi/Richie Rejmentowski

Athlete Awards

IRON LION: Henry Schwartz (First Ever)

Gold: Brandon Kubik/Jordan Ditzel/Kyle Buscher

Rob Marron/Joe Montemurro/Josh McBriar

Wyatt Stockwell

1,000 Pound Club

Warren Watkins/Ben Sosidka/Frank Januzzi

Kyle Straube/Brandon Kubik

2014 North Hunterdon Football Varsity Schedule and Events MID-STATE 38 - FOOTBALL CONFERENCE – Watchung Division

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	EVENTS
9-12	RIDGE	A	7:00P	
9-19	MONTGOMERY	H	7:00P	PEP RALLY \ELEMENTARY CHEERLEADERS WITH VARSITY CHEERLEADERS\DELAWARE VALLEY COMPOSITE SQUADRON OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL. COLOR GUARD. ELEMENTARY BAND PERFORMANCE AT HALFTIME.
9-26	IMMACULATA	A	7:00P	ROSH HASHANAH ENDS AT 4PM
10-2 (THUR)	SCOTCH PLAINS FANWOOD	H	7:00P	YOM KIPPUR STARTS 10/3 AND ENDS ON 10/4 AT NIGHT.
10-11 (SAT)	PLAINFIELD	A	1:00P	
10-17	LINDEN	A	7:00P	
10-24	WESTFIELD	H	7:00P	HOMECOMING GAME AND EVENTS (HALFTIME). BREAST CANCER AWARENESS NIGHT.
10-31	BRIDGEWATER	A	7:00P	
11-7	VOORHEES	H	7:15P	NORTH - MILK CAN GAME\SPIRIT WEEK\ SENIOR NIGHT. FOOTBALL AND CHEER PRIOR TO GAME AND BANDS AT HALFTIME.
11-14	TBD	TBD	7:00P	NJSIAA STATE ROUND 1\CONSOLATION
11-21	TBD	TBD	7:00P	NJSIAA STATE ROUND 2



Congratulations
The 2014 Winter Hard Hat Winner
Josh McBriar

Winter Weight room perfect attendance

Sam Kowal/Frank Jannuzzi/Andronicos Anastasi/Tyler Lardieri

Chris Patkochis/Andrew Popa/Stewart Saharic/Lorenzo Lemise

Josh McBriar

Head coach John Mattes and three of his assistants step down after the 2013 Football season. Thank you for your dedication to the North Hunterdon Football Program !!

John Mattes: 10 years of service, 6 as Head Coach

"The hardest part will be not being around the players every day. I had the opportunity to coach some really good student-athletes at North over the last 10 years." "I look forward to following the football program as it moves forward in the future. I wish them much success!"

Charlie Heidecker: 21 years of service

"I will always be thankful to have spent those years with loyal and committed coaches and players. To me the journey to success has always been the most important thing. "That's why I will miss being a part of our players' sacrifices. I wish the coaching staff and team the very best of everything in 2014 and beyond."

Tim Flynn: 15 years of service

North Hunterdon athletics has been a large part of my life and my family's life for the past 15 years. The time spent outside of the classroom, on the fields or on the mats, has enhanced my overall experience at North. I have had the pleasure of coaching excellent student-athletes during this tenure. It is just time to focus more on my children at home. I will definitely miss the camaraderie of the staff and interactions with the kids, especially Friday nights. I wish the entire NHHS Football program the best of luck in the future!

Rob Donnelly : 21 years of service

Playing and coaching at NHHS has brought many great and cherished memories that cannot be replaced. Football is and will always be something that I consider one of the best sports to bring the best out of people. I will miss the players and the coaching staff.

I wish all the players the very best in the future. Cherish every moment.

Good Luck and I will enjoy watching the success of the program.

Recruiting....

Once the football season ends, the recruiting season begins! November through February colleges are on the road looking for their next class. **This year six of our young men will have an opportunity to further their playing careers and prepare for life after football.** This season we had more than 30 schools from all three divisions plus the Ivy and Patriot leagues

stop by to recruit our players.

Recruiting for the classes of 2015 begins in April. Some schools have already reached out to us for information on our rising juniors. In order to prepare for the recruiting process, juniors should prepare their player bio, a highlight film on Hudl, register with the NCAA clearinghouse and sign up to take the SAT. Once highlights and player bios are complete we will then provide all schools and recruiting services with your information. If you have any questions about the recruiting process please feel free to contact me.

COMPETE!!

