

Middle School Football Parents,

As we enter the summer months, we wanted to share some exciting news regarding our middle school football programs. Starting this fall, the Brunswick middle school football teams will still have two teams at both 7th and 8th grade, but both teams will be comprised of student athletes from all three of our middle schools. The teams will be referred to as 7th Grade Blue, 7th Grade White, 8th Grade Blue, and 8th Grade White. The teams will not be "A" and "B" teams; they will be evenly separated (which is a requirement of the OHSAA). All 7th graders and 8th graders will start practice in August together. Coaches at each grade level will determine a date at which times players will begin practice with their respective team.

While there are a number of reasons for this change, two in particular stand out. As you know, we will be moving into a new middle school in the near future. Construction on that middle school will be starting this fall. During construction, we will not have any fields available on the Edwards/Visintainer campus. We would have already had to practice our South teams at the Brunswick High School campus this coming year.

The other reason, and certainly the most important, is safety. Currently our overall projected numbers are very solid for two teams at each grade, but in our current format, there is a disparity amongst the teams which has created a safety concern. This change will allow for us to provide a safe, and stable situation for all of our middle school teams, and allow for a competitive atmosphere to promote player development. The High School coaching staff will be working closely with our middle school programs during this transition.

Next fall, both 7th grade teams will practice at Willetts Middle School and both 8th grade teams will be practice on the East Fields at Brunswick High School. The Brunswick City Schools will be providing a daily shuttle to BHS and WMS for those student athletes participating in football who attend Edwards MS and Visintainer MS. All home middle school games will be played at Field 3 at Brunswick High School.

As with any transition, we will certainly come across issues along the way and we ask for your patience as we work through those. We appreciate your support of our middle school athletes.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of the middle school football coaches, or Middle School Athletic Director Mr. Bryan Biedron (bbiedron@bcsoh.org). We look forward to Blue Devil Football this fall!