

**BLUE DEVILS FOOTBALL**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAMPS**  
**2003, 2005, 2013**  
**LONG ISLAND CHAMPS**  
**2005**

Dear Parents/Athlete,

Welcome to the 2016 Blue Devils Football Program. The upcoming football season is at hand and listed below are some very important dates to keep in mind.

- **FOOTBALL REGISTRATION DAY! THURSDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>**
  - bring a combination lock, shorts, sweats, sneakers, cleats
  - Bring a signed blue parent permission form, green health history form, white physical form for those who went to their own doctor (forms can be downloaded from district website [hufsd.edu](http://hufsd.edu))
  - **Mandatory Physical with Dr. and School Nurse 8am**
  - **(Completed Health Screening Form Needs to Be Turned in to Nurse for Physical)**
  - 7:30am Meet and Greet Coaches in Locker Room
  - 8:00am Physicals and Requals with Dr. and School Nurse
  - 10:00am Testing on the field
  - 12:00pm Registration Day Ends

**\*\*Practice Equipment will only be given out to those who bring in the above items**
  
- **First Official Football Practice at HHS**
  - **Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7am SHARP!**
  - 6:45am Meet and Greet Coaches in Locker Room
  - 7:00am Requalification with School Nurse
  - 8:00am Practice Starts
  - 10:00am Practice Ends
  - 4:00pm Doors open for second practice
  - 7:00pm Practice Ends

We believe that you will be proud of your son and his accomplishments both on and off the field here at Huntington High School. We look forward to working with you and your child. Enclosed is a schedule of the first few weeks of practice (However it is still subject to change) and letter of Expectation.

**Blue Devils Football Coaching Staff**

Dear Football Parents/Athletes:

Thank you for participating in the 2016 Blue Devils Football Program. If this is your first year, then get ready. Football is a bit different from other sports. It is extremely intense and requires an incredible amount of preparation and practice. Most of you had older siblings or relatives to play football, so you know exactly what I mean. Get ready for bumps and bruises, and a lot of "loud-speaking" by the coaches. Please remember that this is constructive and the coaches only want the best for your child. Practice may seem a bit serious, but necessary. Again, we are here looking out for your child's best interest and safety. We can't have a player on the field daydreaming during a game. Standing around on the field can result in an injury to your child or someone else on the team.

Even though everyone wants to win, that does not always happen. The real pleasure comes from teaching your child to play football, and watching them grow **stronger**, both **physically and mentally**. We coaches spend hundreds of hours during the season and in the off-season getting ready for football. It is a lot of preparation. You can expect us as coaches to be fair, have good morals, be very professional, and have a sense of good humor. If at any time you feel these standards aren't being met, please inform us, preferably before or after practice. Most issues can be resolved if you take the initiative to talk to us first. We believe in "FAMILY and BROTHERHOOD" and family members find positive solutions to their problems by talking things out. In addition, we will always do what is necessary to get our players to the next level. We will speak with college coaches on their behalf and assist in creating highlight film for college coaches to view. We take academics very seriously. We will work with teachers, guidance counselors and administrators to insure that your child is heading in the right direction toward success.

### **The above outlines what you can expect from us coaches. Here's what we expect from parents/guardians:**

1. **Get players to practice on time.** With over 80 players in the program and limited practice time, late arrivals or absences can seriously upset a practice and will affect a player's readiness which for safety reasons will affect their playing time.
2. **Have you child properly dressed.** Make sure you dress according to the weather and remember to always have proper equipment.
3. **Don't coach from the sidelines.** You can't show up on game day and design new plays or change their technique.
4. **Control your emotions.** Even coaches get excited. There is nothing more exciting than a great football game. We don't want our parents getting reprimanded by game officials or security staff members.
5. **Get involved.** We need your support at every game and every function. Every Friday night parents prepare a wonderful evening for the Varsity Players. And on Homecoming weekend, both JV and Varsity Players unite in Celebration in which parents again prepare a wonderful and exciting evening.
6. **Have Fun!** None of these players are professional athletes...YET! As much, remember that they are out there because they love competition and they love the game of football. Let them have fun and let the coaches and officials do their jobs. It will make for a better season all around for everyone.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-673-2018. If we are not in the office, leave your name and number and someone will get back in touch with you. We hope that your child enjoys Blue Devils Football and develops a love for the game because of their experience here.

**The Blue Devils Football Coaching Staff**