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University High School Football

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"A Tradition of Team Success" TRAC Conference Champions – 2017, 2014, 2013

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Div 5A Champions – 2017, 2014

NCAC Champions! – 2007, 1999, 1998

WVSSAC Play-offs 1980, 87, 94, 96, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17

AAA State Runner-Up 1994

"A Tradition of Player Excellence" ~ Since 1987.....

183 - 1st Team All-Conference Players

39 - 1st Team AAA All-State

2 - TRAC Conference Player of the Year

5 - NCAC "Player Of The Year" Award Winners

1 - "Hunt Award" Winner (Best lineman in state)

1 - "Randy Moss Award" Winner (Best receiver in state)

18 - Division I Scholarship Recipients

3 - National Football League Players

Rich Braham (13 yr veteran), Free agents: Marc Magro, Cory Jackson and invited try out – Ryan Nehlen

Dear Varsity & Freshmen Players and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the **"2021 SEASON"**. I have enclosed the necessary forms, and appropriate dates and information to allow you to prepare for our rapidly approaching season. ***Please do not misplace or lose these forms, as they are very important.*** We have also stored all of the forms for your reference on our website at www.universityhighfootball.com. You will also use this website for adding or changing email addresses, etc. Due to the current situation with the COVID issue, we have been unable to register players in person. Therefore, if you know of anyone that might want to play football, please encourage them to go to our website to register, if they have not done so already.

NOTE: The WVSSAC approved Summer Practice Session, in which coaches are permitted to work with athletes, will be held **July 12th through July 29th** from 8:00am to 12:30pm. A calendar of activities for the entire summer session is included in this mailing. **YOU DO NOT have to have a completed Physical Form or proof of insurance in order to participate in these practice sessions – however, this year it is strongly recommended that you have one before you participate in the summer session.** If you have never played a sport at University High School or are an incoming Freshman, we **must** have a copy of your Birth Certificate before you will be permitted to play. (Include your mother's maiden name)

Please be advised that you must obtain a second semester G.P.A. of 2.0 or better, to be eligible for participation. It is your responsibility to enroll in summer school to correct any deficiency in your G.P.A., in order to gain eligibility. Summer School will be different in Monongalia County this year, as a school based computer credit recovery program. If you are in need of this service, contact the Monongalia County School Board Office, or the school counselor to find out about availability and cost.

We have a mandatory participation fundraiser scheduled for all day on August 3rd – the WVU Hospital Employee Picnic. More details will be forthcoming, but we expect each player to attend and work on these two days (subject to change based on the COVID issue). Parents are welcome and badly needed to assist with this.

Our season will officially begin with a **check-in, registration, and a mandatory meeting** on **Sunday, August 1st at 6:00 pm** in the cafeteria/auditorium. **Parents are urged to please attend this meeting!** We will introduce the staff, discuss expectations, requirements, and goals, as well as answer any questions and concerns you may have. At that time we will also have for sale the **5-Pocket Padded Girdles (\$35)** for anyone interested in purchasing one. *Mandatory* daily on-field practices will begin on Monday, August 2nd from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00pm. (August schedule included).

We will hold our summer weightlifting and conditioning program on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning Wednesday, June 2nd from 9:00am – 10:30am. ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE WEIGHT ROOM AND ARE OPEN TO UNIVERSITY HIGH FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND PLAYERS FROM OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL FEEDER SCHOOLS ONLY!! This program will be under the supervision and direction of Coach Clay Olson, our new strength and conditioning coach.

If you or your parents have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 304-216-8473 or by email at coachjwkelly@universityhighfootball.com. **Also, if for some reason you have decided not to play football since your initial interest, please have the courtesy to notify me, so that we don't prepare any further mailings or handouts for you**

Practice begins in a few short weeks. To be the best player possible, and to guard against costly and damaging injuries, it is to your advantage to be in the best physical condition you can be at that time. If your family has planned a summer vacation during the months of June or July, go and enjoy yourself. However, please inform me of the dates that you will be out of town. All that we ask is that you maintain some level of fitness (running/flexibility) during your absence. Remember....."**the true quality of integrity and dedication is measured by how you "lead your life" when no one is looking.**"

Enclosed you will find the following forms and enclosures that will be very important to you: (Please do not misplace them!!)

- 1) **PHYSICAL EXAM FORM** – You must have a completed physical exam form **before you may practice** (your physical exam **MUST** be obtained May 1, 2021, or after). We do not supply or recommend a physician for this purpose, so please be sure to make an appointment with the physician of your choice between May 1st and August 1st to be eligible for practice on August 2nd. Reminder: This physical will be good for ALL athletic participation throughout the 2021-2022 school year. **Special Notice: All Seniors MUST have Tdap and a Meningitis Booster shots prior to the start of practice in July. You should have already received a letter at your home from our school nurse about this. There will be no exceptions for this. You should either plan to get these during your physical, or call the Monongalia County Health Department for other options.**
- 2) July/August/September Calendars detailing practice schedule. (Subject to change with notice)
- 3) Schedules – Varsity and Junior Varsity

I would also like to encourage everyone to go to our FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/UHS-Hawks-Football-698581590169142/> and "like" us, so that you will get the informational posts that we make on a fairly regular basis. New this year, we are also broadcasting announcements via Twitter @ theUjwkelly, if you would like to follow us that way.

Please note that this year we will have an away Junior Varsity Football Game on Monday, August 23rd at 6:00pm at North Marion High School, and also an away JV Game on Labor Day, September 6th at 6:00pm at Parkersburg South. Please make note of this for your holiday plans.

To A Successful Season.....



John W. Kelley
Head Football Coach

List of Enclosures:

1. Introduction Letter
2. Physical Form
3. Insurance Verification Form
4. June, July, August Calendars
5. Monongalia County Authorization Release Form
6. Medical Treatment Form Authorization
7. Head's Up Concussion Information Sheet (must be read by parent & player)
8. Opioid Addiction Information Sheet (must be read by parent & player)
9. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet (must be read by parent & player)
10. Varsity & JV Schedules