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WELCOME TO YEAR #1

by Chad Rutkowski, Head Coach

Here we are, one week away from the inaugural boys' volleyball season at Northview High School. As you are aware, the season is well underway and we welcome all of you to the 1st season. We are excited to have you all as part of our culture and our program, one that I would say is the best in Northwest Ohio. We have something wonderful here at Northview and we are excited that you are part of it.

This has been something we have been working on for many months and we are finally close to the first serve taking place on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 P.M. at HOME! We can not wait to showcase what your athletes have learned since the start of January and know that this season will be one to remember.

For those parents that we met at the Spring Sports Parents meeting on Wednesday, it was a pleasure to meet you and for those that were attending another sport, we look forward to meeting you soon.

As we approach the start of the season, this newsletter is packed with information for a successful start to our season. Please review when you have a moment and if you have any questions, please reach out to me directly.



2024 CALENDAR AND IMPORTANT DATES

Online Calendar for Northview Volleyball - Summer dates and practices are set for the 2024 season with a few minor changes to be expected.

- Computers and Mobile Devices:
 - <u>https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?</u>
 <u>src=c_272a9a6eecd02fce7e896872645d0927810d8a36c32bb8a5ed8910113d2795a1@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=A</u> <u>merica/New_York</u>
 - This calendar has all times and locations for matches, practices, other team activities, etc.
 - For the full match schedule, click here.
- Friday, March 8, 2024 Spirit Wear Order forms are due via E-mail to Assistant Coach, Kevin Lintjer lintjerk@gmail.com
 - The order form for spirit wear has been included in the E-mail with this newsletter.
 - In addition, your athlete will <u>need to purchase the required items on this Amazon Wish List</u>: They need to be in hand before the first match and will be worn each day in practice. Click the link above or <u>click here</u> to access.

SPIRIT WEAR

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If you have any questions regarding this, please reach out directly and we can help clarify.

FINAL FORMS

This year, as in years past and with every other sport, Sylvania Schools will utilizing Final Forms to collect and record necessary and required information for each athlete in order to participate in their respective sport. If you have not already signed up for a FinalForms account, please visit www.sylvania-oh.finalforms.com and create an account. This must be done before your son can participate in any volleyball events (weight training practice, etc.,). If you already have an existing account, please sign in and make sure that all information is up-to-date and applicable for the 2024 season and that you elect "boys volleyball" as a spring sport.

PHYSICALS

As a reminder, all athletes need an OHSAA Pre-Participation Physical Exam form filled out and returned prior to participation. You will not be able to participate in my volleyball happenings until a physical has been turned in the coaching staff (this includes, but is not limited to – open gyms, summer practices, conditioning, tryouts, leagues, etc.). <u>Click</u> <u>here to access this year's Physical Form.</u>

PARENT VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

We believe that the active inclusion of our parent group through various volunteer opportunities to help ensure a successful and enjoyable season for all involved. We also believe this commitment will contribute to the culture of our program, so we see your involvement as essential.

This organizational structure allows our coaches to focus on coaching and team management. Your expertise and time to help with this is critical to each team's success. The volunteer roles below are guidelines but may not include all team needs. Volunteers will be provided contact information for each family in the program to coordinate their efforts. If you were able to be the dedicated volunteer for any of the roles below, please reach out to Asst. Boys Volleyball Coach, Kevin Lintjer, at <u>lintjerk@gmail.com</u>.

Scorekeeper (1 individual)

- Be available to keep the official book at all matches, both home and away.
- Each individual would receive training on how to effectively be a scorekeeper by the coaching staff or another seasoned scorekeeper.

Libero Tracker (1 individual)

- Be available to keep the libero tracking sheet at all home matches only.
- Each individual would receive training on how to effectively be a scorekeeper by the coaching staff or another seasoned scorekeeper.

Main Gate Ticket Taker (1 individual)

- Take tickets at the front gate of our home matches, arriving at 5:00 P.M. and being at the door until 6:30 P.M. on home match days.
- This person would be trained by Mr. Irwin or Ms. Eidson on how to do this at the door with Hometown Ticketing.

Concession Stand Chair (1 individual)

- Coordinate volunteers for each home match to work the concession stand for Athletic Boosters.
- All matches were entered on www.SignUpGenius.com and communicated with parents to make sure we had coverage at each match.
- Media Chair (1 individual with team Coach assistance)
- Responsible for collecting or taking team pictures during matches, both home and away.

GROUPME FOR COMMUNICATION

Each one of our prospecting athletes will be added to the Northview Boys Volleyball group chat on the app "GroupMe". Please help to make sure that your son has access to this team chat and is an active participant as all of our communication on a day-to-day basis will be communicated to them directly. We do send a lot of communication to our athletes directly through GroupMe and hope that your athlete shares any important information with you directly.

Parents, you can expect communication from coaches via E-mail and through these monthly Chalk Talk Newsletters.

2024 PLAYER COST

For ease and simplicity, we wanted to break down the cost of this season for parents so you know what you are responsible for:

- Jersey's \$80.00 (checks made paid to "Northview Athletic Boosters c/o Boys Volleyball"
- Warm-up Shirts compliments of our coaching staff and will be given this week.
- Amazon Require Gear approximately \$80.00 (paid and ordered on your own using the link above)
- Spirit Wear Required Practice Shirts two (2) at \$15.00 each (checks made payable to "Northview Athletic Boosters c/o Boys Volleyball"

Total = ~\$190.00. Again, once your athletes have purchased these items, this will not be something recurring annually as these items should last for a few years, if not for the duration of your athletes' volleyball career.

FUNDRAISERS

Each year, Northview Volleyball hosts a multitude of fundraisers to help raise additional support for our program to pay for the ongoing needs of our program as we continue to grow and invest in our athletes. All of these fundraisers need you and your networks to be successful and we appreciate your support and promotion of these events to make them successful. In addition, these are all on our Northview Volleyball calendar and will be posted on social media a couple of times leading up to that specific event:

- Sunday, April 7, 2024 Charlie's Ice Cream Fundraiser from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. | Eat at Charlie's in Sylvania and a portion of all funds come back to NVBVB
- Sunday, April 21, 2024 Paddy Jack's Fundraiser from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Eat at Paddy Jack's (owned and operated by a NVVB Family) and 20% of all food sales, both dine-in, and carry-out, will come back to support Northview Volleyball. Thank to the Varwig family for making this annual event possible.
- Custom Water Bottle Sale Purchase a water bottle, tumbler, or other item and a portion of the proceeds comes back to NVBVB. These products are high quality and many of our families and coaches have these already. Click the image to the right to access and purchase online.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

We are excited to host an array of Volleyball Summer Camps at Northview for all athletes that range in age and experience through the Sylvania Rec. This year, we will have programs that are intended to attract the interest of young campers to introduce them to the game as well as programs that seek to focus on advanced, specific skill instruction for advanced and experienced players. Under the direction of Northview Head Coach, Chad Rutkowski, and his staff, each of our camps will focus on making better volleyball players in a fun, competitive environment. All sessions of Northview Volleyball Camps are open to any entrants, limited only by capacity and age/grade level. For 2024, we will have girls-specific camps and separate boys volleyball camps (listed below).

Registrations will be available online in April by <u>clicking here</u> and will be available for registration this spring. Please be on the lookout for information surrounding these various camp opportunities.







JERSEYS

With our team being a club sport for the first few years, we were economical in our jersey selection so that jerseys could be purchased one-time and the same jersey can be used over the course of your athlete's career - at least until our sport will be recognized as a varsity sport and jerseys will be provided by the school.

Until that time, jerseys for the 2024 season have already been purchased and are scheduled to arrive the day before our first match. Each player will receive two (2) jerseys for \$40.00 each, \$80.00 total. Parents can pay for these jerseys with a check made out to "Northview Athletic Boosters Boys Volleyball". Jerseys will not be given until payment has been received.



WEBSITE CONTENT

For the past couple of years, the Girls Volleyball program has worked tremendously hard to maximize our resources and conserve the amount of waste that we have within our program and we will bring the same amount of effort to the boys program. With that, we have digitized most of our materials and will share almost everything digitally with very little being sent in print form. This is always a chance for us to create some creative and innovative content which is exciting for the program.

We appreciate the support of going digital with most of our materials and hope that you will find them helpful and user friendly.

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Northview Athletic Website - www.northviewwildcats.org | more information to come on the website when applicable.

All Northview Boys Volleyball resources can be found online. It is highly encouraged that you check your E-mail regularly to receive the correct information. All of our match results and pictures of our athletes can be found on our social media – please like, follow, share and be as active as you can with our social media posts! It is a wonderful way to get people engaged with our program.