



Smoky Hill Football

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Hello Smoky Hill football family,

We have had a tremendous two years in the Smoky Hill football program with lots of great achievements to celebrate! I want to set everyone straight on the outlook for the 2020 football season and the many opportunities and challenges in front of us. We are moving to the Centennial League and will have a difficult non-conference schedule as well, including a travel game in week #2 at East Ridge High School in Clermont, Florida. Next fall we play the most difficult schedule in the state of Colorado with a young, talented and special group of players. It is going to be a highly competitive season, but I believe deep down the young men in this program are up to the challenge.

We have an exciting travel game planned for early September and need everyone's participation in the fund-raising efforts. I have taken many teams on the road in my career. If everyone will chip in and do their part, it will come off very smooth and easy. **I want to assure everyone that we will meet our needs and no one who puts in a fair and honest effort will get left behind.** I hope everyone in the football program (9-12) will embrace our many challenges moving forward and enjoy the ride. So far, all the players in the program have indicated to me they are excited about the game in Florida and all want to go. We will have lots of opportunities for fund raising that the kids and their families can all participate in. **There are also opportunities with the Holidays and Birthdays coming up where money towards the trip would be a perfect gift idea!**

The expectations for Smoky football have changed. We cannot be surprised or shocked by our success, rise to the occasion and embrace all challenges on and off the field with confidence and humility. There will be more details in the next couple of weeks on the trip and the fundraising opportunities.

Thank You, and GO BUFFS!!

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