



Coach Speak

April 2013 Monthly Newsletter to Parents and Boosters

Vision: Bixby Spartan Football will be respected as the very best program in 6A at developing young men.

Dear Spartan Football Family,

The red buds are blooming, the sand bass are running, and spring football is right around the corner! We are very excited about our upcoming season and all the fantastic players in our program. The majority of our guys are as strong and fast as they have ever been, and spring football can't come fast enough. Beginning Monday, **April 30th** we will begin using our 7th hour to start Spring Drills and Installation, and on **May 13th** we get to put the pads on for the official opening of spring practice!

We also anticipate kicking off the start of our new **Spartan Code Program**. The Spartan Code will be introduced with a "Vision Casting" on Monday evening, May 13th. The Shaffitzel's have graciously volunteered their beautiful property for the site of this event. All of our athletes grades 10-12 should plan to be there, and parents are also welcome. Our coaching staff will be unveiling some incredibly powerful concepts that the players are going to love. More details will follow. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Many of you may have recently read that **Oklahoma 6A** membership has voted to split Class 6A beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. You can read about it [HERE](#) in the Tulsa World. We are happy with the change and think that it will address some of the tremendous discrepancy in 6A. However, we know we are going to have an excellent team this year, and we expect to win each game we play. What a great opportunity for the 2013 team to leave its mark in 6A's last year before it changes!

You're invited to **check out our improved website:** www.bixbyspartanfootball.com. We are very excited about the new look, and additional content that we're adding to the site! For instance, on our Alumni Page, we have a list of all former Spartan college and professional players. Please email Coach Montgomery with anyone who has played in college and should be added to the list. The alumni page also includes OCA All-Staters, Lee Snider Award Winners, and Tom Boone Bixby Bulletin Award Winners. Another exciting change is the addition of our NEW Fan Shop to our website! You can NOW get the cool Under Armour gear that the players and coaches wear, and support the team at



the same time! The Quarterback Club receives 20% of all purchases through the Fan Shop. To check it out, click on the Fan Shop button on the middle of the home page.

With all of the busy spring activities starting up, we must encourage our student athletes to finish strong in the classroom. Every two weeks we are doing a **“Champions Club”** check on our players. Those players who have perfect attendance, no missing work, and a C or better in all subjects are part of our “Champions Club”. These players get special privileges and honors for their dedication and consistency. Below is a list of our most recent “Champions Club” members:

“Champions Club” 4-11-2013		
Kyle Rhine	Kale Mulkey	Jake Spriggs
J.J. Cantrell	Blake Cooper	Casey Saied
Austin Grotts	Marshall Ray	Cole Garland
Blake Kirk	Cade Cabbiness	Brandon Newman
Brandon Turney	Connor Walker	Zach Stephens
Alex Poyner	Ryan King	Andrew Dreyer
Cody Adams	Gabe West	John Nipps
Adrian Mica	Jacob Deloache	Mike Helmuth
Beaude Clark	Jacob Strider	Pryce Stickney
Luke Schnare	Brandon Sellers	Grant Simmons
Jordan Johnston	Grant Wilson	Zach Brown
Matt Dreyer	Andrew Cook	Brandon Dyson
Chandler Miller	Phillip Tyree	Breyden Daniel

***Criteria- C or better in all classes, no “zeros”, and perfect attendance**



We are very proud of our Champions Club members. We truly believe that if our athletes commit to our program and commit in the classroom that they will be champions in life!

Finally, you're invited to join us for our Second Annual Golf Tournament. It's a tremendous day of fun and almost everyone will win a prize. Just like last year, someone will get to drive off in a car that's given away at the event! The tournament is **May 18th at Whitehawk** with a 1:00p.m. shotgun start. If you would like to put a team together, or know someone who would like to be a hole sponsor, click [HERE](#) and get signed up soon. Last year we had 32 teams, and are hoping for another great turnout.

Remember, practice starts soon! We look forward to seeing everyone at our **Spring Game on May 23rd**. It's a great day to be a Spartan!

Sincerely,

Coach Montgomery