



COACH SPEAK

AUGUST 2013 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND BOOSTERS

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

Dear Spartan Football Family,

Vince Lombardi once told his football team that “How well you do in your future depends on your commitment. You cannot lead without commitment to the cause.” This quote is particularly pertinent to our 2013 Bixby Spartans. Numerous parents and coaches have commented on how good the Spartans look and I would have to agree. This year’s practices have been the best I can remember in a long while. The credit goes to the wonderful leadership that we see displayed by numerous players on our team.

Last Friday night we hosted Owasso, Norman, East Central, Enid, Ponca City, and Sapulpa in the 2013 Bixby Fall Classic Scrimmage at Lee Snider Field. The atmosphere was great and all of our players experienced very meaningful repetitions on the field. Our coaching staff was pleased with the way our warriors played against all the teams we faced in the round robin scrimmage format. We were even more encouraged by our play against Ponca City During our the twenty minute competition format where our offense scored 4 touchdowns, and our defense only allowed 1 first down and created 2 turnovers.

This Thursday 8-29-2013 at 6:00p.m. we will be taking a group of players to Broken Arrow for the 2013 J.V. Classic. This will be a great opportunity for many of our players to continue to gain meaningful experience through repetition.

Friday we will once again travel to Jenks for the annual Jenks Preview. There will be about an hour of round robin scrimmaging beginning at 6p.m., and then we will play a half game against Broken Arrow beginning at 7p.m. This will be our final opportunity to iron out any last minute details before our season opener.

Our season opener will be home at Lee Snider Field on September 6th beginning at 7:00p.m. against the [Garden City Buffalos](#). Last year we executed a 42-7 victory in Garden City, so we will be expecting the Buffs to show up angry and ready for revenge. It should be a great atmosphere, and we hope our crowd is rabid!



There are only 2 weeks left to purchase your season tickets if you haven't done so. Let's strive to fill the home stands behind our players. Tickets are \$50 per season ticket. In addition to supporting your local Spartans and ensuring great seating, season ticket holders get into all JV and Jr. High contests at Bixby for free! These tickets practically pay for themselves! If you are interested please call Steve Kerr (918) 693-8319 or Paula Bush (918)366-2218 for tickets.

Speaking of gameday, if you are needing some new Spartan Gear to kickoff the season, you can go to our online [Fan Shop](#) and get a gameday polo just like the coaches wear, there are also great Spartan Football t-shirts and hoodie options to sport around town. Remember that 20% of all purchases go directly back to the Bixby Quarterback Club. Not only will you look great, you will be supporting our program!

Our coaches and players have been working in their meetings to emphasize the DISC (Discipline, Integrity, Selflessness, Confidence) core value system. During two-a-days, we spent a large portion of our time focusing on confidence. We discussed all of our strengths individually, and how our strengths contribute to the overall success of our program. These exercises were particularly beneficial to our coaches as we strive to know our players inside and out.

In closing I would like to share a story that happened last Tuesday, the first day of school. Upon returning to my desk after meetings and welcoming new students to the high school, I had a message from a parent about one of our players. It was the kind of message head coaches love to get. The message was about a random act of integrity that one of our players demonstrated when he thought nobody was watching. Apparently a group of elementary students could not cross a busy street in order to make their first day at Central Elementary due to dangerous traffic. About this time, senior wide receiver and defensive back Cole Garland steps out of the car, blocks traffic, and escorts the young students to class on their first day! We are so proud of Cole and many of our other athletes as they strive to live the DISC core value system.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 6th. It's a great day to be a Spartan!

Yours in Spartan Football,

Coach Montgomery