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JUNE 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,

Wow! What a busy month it has been. Normally the monthly newsletter is distributed way earlier in the month, but June has not given us time to take a breath!

Spring football practice was a great success. We got all of our allotted practices in, and found out a lot about our team. Our team has continued to grow every day since taking the field May 13th for the first day of padded spring practice. We were able to come out of spring practice relatively healthy and expect to have all nicks and bruises healed up by the beginning of fall practice.

As many of you know, we attended team camp in Mustang, and saw some great competition from the other side of the state. There were fifteen teams that included the likes of Edmond Santa Fe, Midwest City, Mustang, Lawton Ike, Stillwater, Lawton MacArthur, and many other talented teams from all classes. On Thursday after team camp we volunteered the afternoon working with the First Baptist Church of Moore to assist in the tornado cleanup efforts. It was a humbling experience, and everyone was humbled to help out the victims of such a disaster. You can see some pictures by clicking [here](#). Friday after the conclusion of team camp the team toured the Oklahoma State football facilities and then enjoyed a burger and cheese fries at Eskimo Joe's. We would like to thank the Quarterback Club for buying a meal for each player, trainer, and coach.

S.P.A., Passing Leagues, and Individual camps are in full swing. We have had passing leagues at Bartlesville, Bixby, and Sand Springs so far, and still have two more to complete at Sapulpa and then finally Muskogee. The players are working hard, and attendance has been really good. Players who have 90% or better attendance at the



end of the summer are exempt from the conditioning test, so many of the players are extremely motivated by that.

This week we hosted the 11th Annual Eastern Oklahoma Offensive Line Camp at Bixby. We had about 100 Offensive linemen from all over Eastern Oklahoma who showed up to get instruction from some of the best players and coaches in the game. We were Lucky enough to have 5 professional football players associated with the camp this year either working, speaking, or sponsoring the camp. The camp staff included:

- **David Alexander**- 10 year NFL veteran, University of Tulsa All-American
- **Sean Mahan**- 7 Year NFL veteran, Notre Dame graduate
- **Jerry Ostroski**- 10 Year NFL veteran, University of Tulsa All-American
- **Bruce McClure**- 10 Year Arena I Veteran, University of Oklahoman All Big 12
- **J.R. Conrad**- 6 Year NFL Veteran, University of Oklahoma All-American

We couldn't be more excited to host such a wonderful event, and are thrilled that our hawks were hanging on every word from these guys.

Speaking of offensive linemen, our very own Chandler Miller recently verbally committed to play football at the University of Tulsa. Chandler has already received 6 Division I-A offers, but has decided he wants to stay in Tulsa to play college football. We are very proud of Chandler for his great work ethic, intensity, and leadership. He is truly representative of the D.I.S.C. values (Discipline, Integrity, Selflessness, Confidence).

Our Quarterback Club has kicked fundraising into overdrive. Our 2nd annual golf tournament was a great success. Our friends and family fundraiser mailer was just mailed out this week to friends of the program who may live out of town or just want to support a relative. Something new that we will be kicking off soon is our Truck Raffle. Players will be soliciting raffle ticket donations for the chance to win a 1994 Chevy Extended Cab Silverado pickup that will be given away during our Night of Champions event. Also, if you haven't joined our Quarterback Club, you should consider. Every senior player and manager in our program who has been sponsored by a parent or Quarterback club member is eligible for a scholarship upon graduation from Bixby High School. This year's seniors who were sponsored all 5 years received a \$1,000.00 scholarship to the university they will be attending. Also, our Quarterback Club just donated \$17,000.00 to the athletic department to help outfit our new \$100,000.00



Brassfield training complex project. Well worth joining! You can click [here](#) for Quarterback club information and signup forms.

Finally, July is a very busy Month. You can access our calendar by going to the [schedules](#) page of our website and checking out the printable calendar. I am also including a few important dates that will be coming up leading into the season.

July 2nd- Passing League @ Sapulpa

July 4th & 5th- OFF

July 9th- Passing League @ Muskogee

July 10th & 11th- 7th grade only pad camp 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. (All Schools Invited)

July 11th-13th- Elite 7 on 7 tournament Shiloh Christian High School Springdale Ar. (10th-12th skill positions)

July 22nd-24th- BYFA Pad Camp 1st-6th Grades 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

July 24th- Night of Champions @ Bixby 8:30p.m.

July 25th- Team Float Trip

July 25th-26th- Senior Retreat

August 2nd- OCA All-State Football (DeAndre Jennings)

August 12th- Team Meeting and Drug Testing

August 13th- Practice Begins

As you can see, football season will be upon us before we know it. It is truly a great time to be a Spartan, and we can only feel the momentum starting to build. We have a great team and football family, and can't wait to showcase our hard work on the field.

Yours in Spartan Football,

Coach Montgomery