Dear Residents,

Many people believe you have to travel to Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, or Florida to see a great high school football game. Wayne residents are very fortunate because on any fall weekend, you need not travel more than a few miles to be able to see two great high school football teams in action. Even more exciting is the fact that both of these great Wayne football teams will be playing each other this Friday night (11/6) when Wayne Hills travels to Wayne Valley for a 7PM kickoff.

Wayne is also unique because we are a PK-12 district with two high schools. This means that many of the players, cheerleaders, and band musicians went to school together and grew up together in Wayne. Likewise, many parents grew up together in Wayne. This familiarity is the basis for a great rivalry and a great event for our community.

I am writing to all of our residents to make you aware of the schedule of events and our efforts to make sure that this Friday night will be a great new chapter for this rivalry game. Please keep in mind that while this game will have a “big time” atmosphere, the game is being played by two high school teams on school property. Grills are not permitted on school property and alcohol is not permitted on any public school property in New Jersey, regardless of age. Possession or distribution of any illegal substance on school property carries an especially severe set of consequences.

Looking forward to seeing you at Wayne Valley on Friday!

Mark Toback
Superintendent of Schools
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 4th

11:00 - Captains’ Sportsmanship Luncheon
Captains, Head Coaches and Principals from both high schools meet at Wayne Valley for a Pre-Game Luncheon.

November 6th

4:00 - Parking Lots Open
Parking is limited on school property. Once parking in one lot is exhausted, the lot will be closed. Once all school lots are closed, overflow parking will be directed to the adjacent municipal parking lot. The Wayne Police Department will have a major presence and will be enforcing the law. Alcohol and grills are not permitted. The Wayne Police also will be setting up video surveillance units in all parking areas and throughout the facility to assist with law enforcement efforts. The Wayne Police have requested that fans NOT bring backpacks or any other large containers into the stadium.

5:00 - Pre-Game Festivities Begin
Festivities on the varsity baseball field include…Face Painting, Bungee Run, Football Toss Competition, Music, Inflatable Horse Derbies, and Food Trucks. ALL are welcome…Special guests include players and cheerleaders from the Police Athletic League and the Boys and Girls Club of Wayne.

5:30 - Teams Take the Field for Pre-Game Warmup
Football players and cheerleaders from the Police Athletic League and the Boys and Girls Club of Wayne are welcome on the field during warmups. Your sideline pass is your team jersey or cheer uniform.

6:35 - Wayne Valley Welcomes the Wayne Hills Marching Band
A Wayne Hills Marching Band Pre-Game Performance to Remember

6:50 - Wayne Valley Welcomes the Wayne Hills Cheerleading Squad
Wayne Hills Pre-Game Cheer

6:55 - Team Introductions/Players Take the Field
Boys and Girls Club/PAL Players and Cheerleaders “TUNNEL”

7:00 - Kickoff

Halftime Show
The Wayne Valley National Champion Marching Band will be performing along with the Wayne Valley Cheerleaders. There is also a special community presentation.

Conclusion of Game-Presentation of Preakness Cup
Superintendent Toback will present the winning team with the Preakness Cup. The Preakness Cup is a new trophy named after the famous Wayne race horse, Preakness, and it will be displayed for one year at the high school of the winning team until the next rivalry game. In order to take home the Preakness Cup, teams must also demonstrate a commitment to community, sportsmanship, and service. For example, in meeting the service requirements of the Preakness Cup, football players at Wayne Hills raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project (http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) while football players at Wayne Valley elected to raise money and donate food to the Wayne Interfaith Network (WIN) Food Pantry.

TELEVISION COVERAGE

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