

Welcome Parents, Fans and Supporters of Marshfield Football,

Another successful season has past and we look forward to yet another exiting year in 2009. Here are some highlights from the 2008 season; the freshman team was the largest squad in team history and finished the season at 7-3. Once again the junior varsity team was very successful having only one loss to post a record of 9-1. The varsity won their fifth consecutive league championship posting a final record of 11-3, winning two playoff games and losing a hard fought game to Dracut in the Division 1A Superbowl at Gillette stadium. The team lost twenty-four seniors to graduation and we wish the best for them in their future, but will be replaced by twenty-eight new seniors that are up to the task of filling "their shoes" and continuing the tradition. The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders had an outstanding year. The junior varsity had an unbelievable five first place finishes while the varsity had two first place finishes and won the ACL championship for the first time in team history! As you can see 2008 was a great year for our teams.

And how can we forget the successful trip to Beverly Hills, CA to kick off the year. Both junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders/football players, coaches and parents spent four exciting days visiting colleges such as USC, having a police escort to the famous Greystone mansion, and some fun at Universal Studios. The community of Beverly Hills opened the doors for the people of Marshfield and we certainly thank them. A true respect and relationship has bonded between these two communities. The games were broadcast live on WATD and we came out with two wins! What a start to the year...

The gridiron has been busy during the off season putting together plans for the upcoming season. As everyone knows fundraising is the biggest part of our efforts and we have introduced a few new events this year. We still have our standard car washes and RAMS cards, in addition this year we have advertising banners to be hung on the stadium fence, we are creating the program book in-house, and the athletes will be sending out personal letters to extended family and friends that live outside of Marshfield. We want to minimize the athletes personal time selling in town and feel these new fundraisers can do just that.

This year the gridiron also entered a contest offered by Eastern Bank asking entrants "What makes your team special?" The winner was to receive \$5,000 and be part of their upcoming TV commercials and advertising. Unfortunately, we did not win, but will be receiving a small stipend for our efforts. A copy of our submission is on the following page. Please take a few minutes to read it as it reflects our thanks to the community and local businesses for making our team special.

Also, **NEW** for the gridiron this year, will be the awarding of scholarships to qualifying graduating cheerleading/football senior athletes. The amounts will be based on our fundraising success. This is in addition to our normal activities such as providing food for away games, pasta dinners, jackets for league championship, replacing game jerseys, miscellaneous items for teams and the annual banquet.

We encourage all parents and members of our community who want to see this Marshfield tradition continue to please take part in the Gridiron. We meet the first Monday of each month and reminders/updates will be posted in the Mariner. We have also introduced a new web site www.marshfieldgridiron.com which has relative information. We again thank the continued support from our local businesses and residents. We wish success to all football players and cheerleaders for the 2009 season.
GO RAMS.

Sincerely,

Dan Vaughan,
Gridiron President

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